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Draft poll roll for Bihar is out, voters dip by 65 lakh

EC publishes list after end of first phase of SIR; Patna draft roll has 3.95 lakh fewer voters than the list from January; many on the draft list may still be deprived of voting rights, says INDIA bloc

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
Amit Bhelari
NEW DELHI/PATNA

The number of voters in Bihar has dropped by 65 lakh, according to Bihar's draft electoral roll, which was published by the Election Commission on Friday after the completion of the first phase of its Special Intensive Revision exercise.

More than 7.24 crore electors in the State filled up enumeration forms and have been included in the draft roll, the EC said in a statement. There were 7.89 crore voters registered in the 2025 electoral list before the SIR exercise. The EC has said that most of these 65 lakh "missing" voters have died, registered in two locations, permanently migrated out of Bihar, or are untraceable.

Next steps: EC has asked voters whose names are not on the draft list to submit a Form 6 along with other required documents. ANI

Leaders of the Opposition INDIA bloc in the State said the EC failed to answer their queries about the names left out in the draft list.

According to data shared by the office of Bihar's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Vinod Singh Gunjiyal, the State capital Patna has the highest number of 3.95 lakh voters not included in the list. There are over three lakh voters missing from the draft roll in each of the three districts of East Champaran, Madhubani and Gopalganj. Another 10 districts have seen a drop of two lakh voters each, while 13 districts saw a decline of over one lakh voters in the draft roll.

Claims and objections

The EC appealed to all eligible voters to check their names in the draft list, which is available on its portal. If their names are not on the list, they have been asked to submit Form 6 along with the declaration form specified in the SIR instructions. First-time voters, who have completed 18 years on July 1 or are going to turn 18 by October 1, should also get their names added by submitting Form 6. Over the next month, the EC will invite claims and objections by voters on exclusions and inclusions in the list.

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Prajwal Revanna convicted of rape; quantum of sentence likely today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Prajwal Revanna, former Janata Dal (Secular) MP for Hassan and grandson of former Prime Minister H. D. Deve Gowda, has been convicted of rape by the Special Court of Sessions for criminal cases against former and present MPs and MLAs on Friday. The quantum of sentence is likely be announced on Saturday.

This is the first of the four rape and sexual harassment cases against Prajwal that has completed trial. While the trial in another rape case, involving a local politician, is ongoing, trials in two other cases are yet to commence.

The victim in this case is a former help at the family's farmhouse at Gannikada, Hassan, and was raped twice in 2021, and Prajwal had recorded the act on his mobile.

Prajwal Revanna at the Special Court of Sessions for criminal cases against former and present MPs and MLAs, in Bengaluru on Friday. PTI

Notably, the trial in the case has been completed and the accused convicted in just over an year since the FIR was filed in the case.

Prajwal was present in the court when the judgment was read out by the judge, Santosh Gajanan Bhat.

Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Ashok Nayak said they were happy that they could get justice to the victim and pointed out that the case, speedy trial, and conviction was like a "lesson" and thanked the Special Investigation Team (SIT) chief B. K. Singh and other officers for it.

Another SPP B.N. Jagadeesha said the court which began the trial in the case on May 2, 2025 held daily hearings as per the guidelines by the Supreme Court in cases against MLAs and MPs.

He pointed out that the accused changed lawyers midway, approached the High Court twice, which he termed as "delay tactics", but said they did not work and the trial was completed on July 18 and order issued on Friday.

Of the four cases, this case had the strongest evidence. The victim, 48, was raped once in the family's residence in Hassan and again in the family's home in Basavanagudi, Bengaluru, in 2021. Prajwal recorded the act on his mobile in the first instance. In the video the victim is seen pleading with him to spare her.

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ED raid on promoters of Ozone Urbana

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The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) conducted searches on 10 premises linked to the promoters of the Ozone Urbana Housing Township, at Kannamangala in Devanahalli taluk on the outskirts of Bengaluru, who are one of the biggest defaulters of Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA-K) revenue recovery orders. » Page 2

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Bengaluru boy's murder: Police open fire and arrest two accused

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hours after finding the half-burnt body of 13-year-old Nishchith A., who was reportedly kidnapped for ransom, in the Bannerghatta forest in Bengaluru on July 31 evening, the police shot at two alleged kidnapper-killers in their legs. The duo was arrested in the same forest.

The arrested have been identified as Shivaprakash, 25, a resident off Bannerghatta Road, who was reportedly working as a driver earlier and is known to the boy and his parents, and Gopi, 27.

The duo were allegedly hiding in the Bannerghatta forest, near Bilvaradahalli, where the boy's body was found. When police went to apprehend them, they allegedly tried to attack police officials with a knife and a dagger, and tried to flee. While Shivaprakash was shot in both his legs, Gopi was shot in his right leg before they were arrested. Both the accused are being treated at Victoria Hospital. The accused are believed to have confessed to the crime.

Shivaprakash first befriended the boy's mother and through her got to know the victim as well. Learning about the family background, he allegedly abducted the boy and sent a message on WhatsApp to his mother demanding ₹5 lakh as ransom. However, since the boy knew him, he reportedly panicked fearing that the boy would identify him if he was released, and slit his throat with a dagger. Then, he allegedly tried to destroy evidence by burning the body.

Police said they suspect the involvement of another associate of Shivaprakash, and are on the lookout for him.

Nishchith A., 13, went missing on the night of July 30 while returning home from his tuition classes. Police found CCTV footage of the boy riding pillion on a bike with one of the accused. Next day, the boy's mother received a message demanding a ransom of ₹5 lakh, which provided leads on the abductors. However, before the police could track them down, the half-burnt body of the boy was found in Bannerghatta forest on July 31.

Source: Reuters, AFP

Metro's Yellow Line gets safety clearance

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru's long-awaited Yellow Line of the Namma Metro corridor has finally cleared a crucial hurdle, with Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) receiving the statutory safety clearance from the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS), Southern Circle. This development brings the metro a step closer in the journey to operationalise the 19.15-km stretch connecting R.V. Road in South Bengaluru to Bommasandra.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Yashwanth Chavan, chief public relations officer of BMRCL, confirmed that the CMRS had issued the mandatory safety certification necessary for passenger services to begin on the new route.

Another senior BMRCL official said that the clearance comes with certain conditions, which must be fulfilled before commercial operations can commence. "The CMRS typically makes a series of observations and recommendations during inspection. Once we comply with all the directives, we will submit a compliance report. Only after receiving final clearance can passenger operations begin," the official told *The Hindu*.

The CMRS inspection, led by A.M. Chowdhary, took place over three days starting July 22.

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Dharmasthala case: High Court sets aside media gag order; asks civil court to pass orders afresh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While setting aside a John Doe order passed by a civil court restraining even "unknown persons" from publishing defamatory contents against Harshendra Kumar D., his family members, including his brother D. Veerendra Heggade of Dharmasthala temple, and their institutions in connection with "mass burial" case, the High Court of Karnataka on Friday directed the civil court to pass a fresh order on a defamation suit filed by Mr. Kumar.

The High Court said that temporary injunction granted by the civil court "conspicuously lacks the foundational reason required for grant of such extraordinary relief as an ex parte interim injunction."

Wield with care

Pointing out that John Doe order of pre-emptive injunction is granted by a court against unknown persons, who are likely to infringe upon someone's rights, usually related to copyright, trademarks, media leaks and piracy, the High Court said the John Doe orders must be "wielded with great care and judicious foresight". A John Doe order, a placeholder name, traditionally used in the United States legal system to pass orders against any "unknown" defendants, was also adopted by the courts in India.

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Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while partly allowing a petition filed by *Kudla Rampage*, a Mangaluru-based YouTube channel, which is one of the 338 defendants, including various individuals and media platforms, in the suit filed by Mr. Kumar.

The civil court's July 18 order of temporary injunction "is unsustainable, as the order passed which has sweeping effect, on all 338 defendants could not have been passed as an interim measure, by an ex-parte interim injunction. This is exactly the final relief that is sought in the suit. Therefore, the final relief in the suit, is ostensibly handed over at the interim stage," the High Court observed while setting aside the temporary injunction granted against the petitioner.

The High Court also said that "the civil court, for the asking, had issued 'John Doe order', which now cast its net so wide that it threatens to ensnare any voice against the plaintiff [Mr. Kumar], the family or the place. This could not have been issued on bereft of reasons."

While directing the civil court to expedite the fresh hearing on the plea for temporary injunctions granted against the 'unknown persons' and others in the suit, the High Court has made it clear that it has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the civil suit, the criminal proceedings or the veracity of the allegations and the counter allegations.

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India-U.S. ties 'weathered several challenges', will 'move forward', says MEA

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

The India-U.S. relationship has "weathered several transitions and challenges", and the bilateral ties will "move forward", said a senior official of the Ministry of External Affairs against the backdrop of comments from U.S. President Donald Trump, who, on Wednesday, cited India's purchase of military hardware and energy from Russia and announced 25% tariffs on Indian imports "plus a penalty".

"India and the United States share a comprehensive global strategic partnership anchored in shared interests, democratic values, and robust people-to-people ties. This partnership has weathered several transitions and challenges. We remain focused on the substantive agenda that our two countries have committed to and are confident that the relationship will continue to move forward," said Randhir Jaiswal, official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, during Friday's weekly press briefing.

Randhir Jaiswal

Officials clarified that the India-U.S. relationship has come a long way and expressed confidence that it will overcome the latest challenges in the way that India dealt with the sanctions that the U.S. had imposed after India tested nuclear weapons in May 1998.

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The summer of McIntosh: when an 18-year-old comes for Ledecky's crown

Summer McIntosh is in the fast lane to greatness. A three-time Olympic champion, the Canadian teen has already beaten Katie Ledecky at the ongoing World Championships. She is hoping for an encore in the 800m freestyle, an event the reigning queen has kept a tight grip on

GETTY IMAGES

SUMMER MCINTOSH

SUMMER MCINTOSH AND KATIE LEDECKY

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

Growing up in Toronto, Summer McIntosh chose her idols well.

She named the family cat, an orange tabby, Mikey, for Michael Phelps, the most decorated swimmer of all time. McIntosh's bedroom wall was covered with photos and inspirational quotes from Katie Ledecky, swimming's dominant queen with nine Olympic and 22 world titles.

At 18, she is well on her way to joining them in the sport's pantheon – indeed, at the ongoing World Championships in Singapore, she is looking to equal a Phelps record and has already defeated Ledecky over 400 metres in the freestyle final.

> Katie always brings the best out of me. Which is why I'm never nervous to race her

Phelps is the only swimmer to have won five individual gold medals in a single edition of the World Championships. McIntosh, who hopes to compete in five individual events at the 2028 Los Angeles Games, is using this year's championships as something of a test run!

"I'm trying to see if I can do five events individually and how well I can do in them and how I can manage it... doing that run through now, three years out, is definitely something that will give me lots of confidence," she said ahead of the Worlds' swimming portion, which began on July 27.

McIntosh arrived in Singapore after completing one of the greatest weeks in swimming history with a hat-trick of world records in June, becoming the first to set three different individual long-course records in one meet since Phelps in 2008. At the Canadian trials, she broke the world marks in the 200m and 400m individual medleys (IM), as well as the 400m freestyle.

Despite owning the 400 free world record, McIntosh had failed to win gold in the event at the Olympics or previous Worlds. She remedied that in ominous fashion, launching her packed programme with a statement win. The highly anticipated battle between McIntosh and Ledecky – an appetiser to the 800m freestyle – failed to materialise, as the Canadian led from start to finish and the American took bronze.

McIntosh had little time to savour her first major 400m triumph. The teen sensation exited quickly to prepare for the 200m IM semifinals, where she was again in a class of her own.

"While preparing mentally, I thought this was my biggest night of the whole meet," she said. "I've never done a double like that. And the 400m free, at past World Championships and Olympics, I haven't been where I wanted to be. So I'm really happy."

Her joy doubled a day later, when she bagged a second gold, in the 200m IM. On Thursday, she completed a hat-trick of triumphs, clinching the 200m butterfly. The events remaining in her bid to equal Phelps will be swum this weekend: Saturday's 800m free and Sunday's 400m IM.

It's a gruelling schedule, especially when you add all the heats and semifinals. "It means 14 or 15 races in eight days, demanding races," Canada's head coach Iain McDonald said. Which of those races is her best event? "She's such a versatile athlete, it's kind of tough to nail what her best events are," McDonald said. "She's pretty good right across the spectrum."

Blockbuster main-event

There are no doubts, however, about which event the world is waiting for. McIntosh is coming for Ledecky's 800m crown, which the American has kept a tight grip on. In addition to four Olympic wins, Ledecky is hoping to become the first swimmer to claim seven world titles in a single event. In May, Ledecky improbably took down her nine-year-old world record from the 2016 Rio Olympics. But McIntosh represents a clear and present danger.

The 18-year-old came within two seconds of the 28-year-old's mark recently, signalling the chance that fans could soon see a changing of the guard. McIntosh famously ended Ledecky's 13-year unbeaten streak in the event in 2024, when she bested the American by nearly six seconds at a sectionals meeting in Orlando, Florida.

What's more, the rivalry doesn't faze her. "Katie always brings the best out of me," McIntosh said. "Which is why I'm never nervous to race her."

Ledecky, who won the 1500m freestyle gold in Singapore on Tuesday, is aware of the contender's prowess, but has been mentally preparing to meet an equal for years. "I've always approached each race with a mindset that something like that could happen," Ledecky once said. "Even as that didn't happen for many, many years, I still maintain that approach."

Learning opportunity

Irrespective of how the race goes, what is certain is that McIntosh will look at it as another learning opportunity. It's this desire to constantly improve, a trait common to great athletes, that has lifted her to soaring heights in a short career. She is never satisfied.

After winning three gold medals at the Paris Olympics, McIntosh felt there was room for growth. Her attitude after breaking three world records in June was similar. "Absolutely wild," she said of the accomplishment, before promptly pointing to a litany of things she could improve on in each race, saying the self-criticism is part of her mission to keep testing the boundaries of her sport. "I don't think there is such a thing as a perfect race, at least I haven't done it yet," she said. "I always want more. And I'm also still so young, I know I can get so much stronger."

That competitive spirit runs deep in the McIntosh family. Her mother Jill competed at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics in swimming and older sister Brooke is a top pairs figure skater. "We knew even at seven or eight years old that she was going to be an exceptional swimmer... beating 10 and 12-year-olds by a pool length," her father Greg McIntosh said. "She is a force of nature. She has been since she was a child."

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McIntosh's rapid journey to the pinnacle of swimming has taken her from Canada to Florida, where she trained with the Sarasota Sharks from 2022 and through the Paris Games. After the World Championships, she will begin training with Phelps' mentor Bob Bowman in Texas, as she builds to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

Hunter and hunted

But even as she is hurtling towards greatness, McIntosh knows the wheel of sport will turn. Just as she is hunting down Ledecky, others will soon pursue her. In Singapore, a pre-teen Chinese swimmer showed she could be nipping at McIntosh's heels. Just 12, Yu Zidi created a sensation at the Worlds after missing the podium by only 0.06 seconds in the 200 IM.

Yu is recording faster times than McIntosh did as a 12-year-old, but the Canadian looks at it as further motivation. "World records are made to be broken. So by the time I leave this sport, I want to make sure that [my] records are as fast as possible," she said.

"I know there's always going to be the next generation of kids growing up, and they're going to be chasing the record. So I've got to give them my best effort to see how long it can stand."

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	23	12,030	16
2	Carlos Alcaraz	22	8,600	20
3	Alexander Zverev	28	6,030	23
4	Taylor Fritz	27	5,135	22
5	Jack Draper	23	4,650	17
6	Novak Djokovic	38	4,130	19
7	Ben Shelton	22	3,520	24
8	Alex de Minaur	26	3,335	23
9	Holger Rune	22	3,250	22
10	Lorenzo Musetti	23	3,195	20
11	Andrey Rublev	27	3,110	29
12	Frances Tiafoe	27	2,990	25
13	Casper Ruud	26	2,905	23
14	Daniil Medvedev	29	2,720	22
15	Tommy Paul	28	2,620	21

Top Indians ▸

Sumit Nagal
Rank 307 ▼ 1 spot

Aryan Shah
Rank 390 ▲ 52 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	27	12,420	19
2	Coco Gauff	21	7,669	19
3	Iga Swiatek	24	6,813	16
4	Jessica Pegula	31	6,423	22
5	Mirra Andreeva	18	4,914	18
6	Qinwen Zheng	22	4,553	18
7	Amanda Anisimova	23	4,470	22
8	Madison Keys	30	4,374	19
9	Jasmine Paolini	29	3,576	19
10	Paula Badosa	27	3,454	22
11	Emma Navarro	24	3,420	26
12	Elena Rybakina	26	2,893	21
13	Elina Svitolina	30	2,794	16
14	Karolina Muchova	28	2,718	16
15	Ekaterina Alexandrova	30	2,666	25

Top Indians ▸

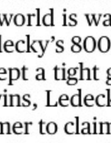
Shrivalli Bhamidipaty
Rank 317 ▲ 3 spots

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 348 ▲ 4 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	266	6
2	Lando Norris	McLaren	250	4
3	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	185	2
4	George Russell	Mercedes	157	1
5	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	139	0
6	Lewis Hamilton	Ferrari	109	0
7	Kimi Antonelli	Mercedes	63	0
8	Alexander Albon	Williams	54	0
9	Nico Hulkenberg	Sauber	37	0
10	Esteban Ocon	Haas	27	0
11	Isack Hadjar	Racing Bulls	22	0
12	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	20	0
13	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	20	0
14	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	16	0
15	Carlos Sainz	Williams	16	0
16	Liam Lawson	Racing Bulls	16	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	Red Bull	10	0
18	Oliver Bearman	Haas	8	0
19	Gabriel Bortoleto	Sauber	6	0
20	Franco Colapinto	Alpine	0	0

Oscar Piastri



Lando Norris

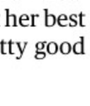
F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	McLaren	516	10
2	Ferrari	248	0
3	Mercedes	220	1
4	Red Bull	192	2
5	Williams	70	0
6	Kick Sauber	43	0
7	RB	41	0
8	Aston Martin	36	0
9	Haas	35	0
10	Alpine	20	0

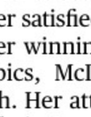
Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	1,02,317	13
2	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	95,079	19
3	Anders Antonsen	94,353	17
4	Li Shi Feng	81,078	19
5	Chou Tien Chen	78,769	24
6	Jonatan Christie	76,514	17
7	Alex Lanier	67,821	15
8	Loh Kean Yew	66,719	17
9	Viktor Axelsen	66,140	9
10	Kodai Naraoka	65,094	20
11	Christo Popov	62,217	18
12	Lu Guang Zu	61,860	18
13	Kenta Nishimoto	58,442	23
14	Lin Chun-Yi	57,340	16
15	Lee Cheuk Yiu	57,192	20

Top Indians ▸



Lakshya Sen
Rank 17



Ayush Shetty
Rank 31

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	1,15,270	13
2	Wang Zhi Yi	1,06,862	17
3	Han Yue	91,000	17
4	Akane Yamaguchi	83,064	14
5	Chen Yu Fei	81,385	12
6	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	73,860	14
7	Pornpawee Chochuwong	69,708	21
8	Tomoka Miyazaki	65,364	22
9	Ratchanok Intanon	64,144	20
10	Putri Kusuma Wardani	63,600	19
11	Supanida Katethong	62,207	14
12	Gao Fang Jie	60,130	13
13	Yeo Jia Min	59,223	16
14	Sim Yu Jin	58,309	16
15	P.V. Sindhu	54,034	17

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 15

Malvika Bansod
Rank 30

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	904	932
2	Kane Williamson	867	919
3	Harry Brook	834	898
4	Steve Smith	816	947
5	Temba Bavuma	790	806
6	Kamindu Mendis	781	784
7	Rishabh Pant	776	801
8	Yashasvi Jaiswal	769	858
9	Shubman Gill	754	807
10	Ben Duckett	743	787

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	898	908
2	Kagiso Rabada	851	902
3	Pat Cummins	838	914
4	Josh Hazlewood	815	864
5	Noman Ali	806	806
6	Scott Boland	784	784
7	Matt Henry	782	782
8	Nathan Lyon	769	812
9	Marco Jansen	767	803
10	Mitchell Starc	766	807

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Shubman Gill	784	847
2	Babar Azam	766	898
3	Rohit Sharma	756	882
4	Virat Kohli	736	909
5	Daryl Mitchell	720	751
6	Charith Asalanka	719	725
7	Harry Tector	708	767
8	Shreyas Iyer	704	710
9	Ibrahim Zadran	676	693
10	Kusal Mendis	669	802

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Maheesh Theekshana	671	686
2	Kuldeep Yadav	650	761
3	Keshav Maharaj	648	741
4	Bernard Scholtz	644	648
5	Rashid Khan	640	799
6	Mitchell Santner	637	657
7	Matt Henry	622	691
8	Wanindu Hasaranga	619	619
9	Ravindra Jadeja	616	733
10	Adam Zampa	614	699

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Abhishek Sharma	829	829
2	Travis Head	814	885
3	Tilak Varma	804	845
4	Philip Salt	791	881
5	Jos Buttler	772	774
6	Suryakumar Yadav	739	912
7	Pathum Nissanka	736	736
8	Tim Seifert	725	727
9	Josh Inglis	717	781
10	Shai Hope	690	712

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jacob Duffy	717	723
2	Adil Rashid	710	747
3	Varun Chakravarthy	706	706
4	Akeal Hosein	701	714
5	Adam Zampa	694	746
6	Wanindu Hasaranga	679	809
7	Ravi Bishnoi	674	707
8	Rashid Khan	664	828
8	Nathan Ellis	664	664
10	Arshdeep Singh	653	679

ED raids on premises linked to promoters of project Ozone Urbana in city, Mumbai

The project, Ozone Urbana Housing Township in Devanahalli taluk, is one of the biggest defaulters of Karnataka RERA-K revenue recovery orders

The Hindu Bureau
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The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) conducted searches on 10 premises linked to the promoters of the Ozone Urbana Housing Township, at Kannamangala in Devanahalli taluk on the outskirts of Bengaluru, who are one of the biggest defaulters of Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA-K) revenue recovery orders. Thousands of home buyers have been fighting the promoters of the project over delays and lack of refunds despite several orders from RERA-K.

This is the second case where promoters of a real estate project in Bengaluru have been raided by the ED. In 2022, ED had raided and provisionally attached properties worth ₹300 crore linked to Mantri Developers Private Limited, and arrested its promoter Sushil P. Mantri.

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In a statement issued on the raids on Friday, ED stated searches were being conducted under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, on 10 premises linked to Ozone Urbana Developers Private Limited and its key management personnel in Bengaluru and Mumbai. The main promoter of this group is Satyamoorthi Vasudevan. The company and its promoters are named in multiple FIRs for cheating people in Karnataka, based on which ED has registered a Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR), and conducted the raids.

"The integrated township project was to be handed over to buyers in 2018. However, till 2024, only 49% of the project was completed. The company has failed to hand over the project and has neither returned the money to buyers. It is alleged that the accused company, along with its key management personnel, have cheated various gullible customers to the tune of hundreds of crores and misappropriated the funds," according to the ED statement.

The company lured buyers 'by promising to pay EMIs to the banks against the loans taken by the home buyers from the financial institutions on behalf of the buyers until completion of the project, by promising huge discounts if buyers pay the full amount in advance against the bookings, and with a buyback scheme," according to the ED statement.

Homebuyers 'hopeful'

The raids have come as a relief to home buyers, as despite RERA-K orders for revenue recovery and refund to several home buyers, the company hasn't paid up. In a total of 211 cases, RERA-K issued revenue recovery orders worth ₹186.36 crore, of which only in 10 cases the orders have been implemented and ₹7.53 crore recovered. In the remaining 201 cases, revenue recovery orders amounting to ₹178.82 crore are yet to be implemented.

One such homebuyer, Vinod Kumar, who had moved for a refund and got a first-of-its kind order from RERA-K in February 2025, said the ED raids had raised hopes of homebuyers, who have sought a refund, that they will get their money back. "The township includes several apartment projects and as on date, the promoters are yet to hand over 2021 flats to homebuyers. While many are waiting for the flats, I have moved for a refund," he said. Vinod Kumar and Parul Chaudhary had appealed to RERA-K that as Ozone Urbana Developers Private Limited owed more than ₹170 crore in the form of execution orders, but cannot satisfy these orders as they have no company assets, the directors of the company should be impleaded in the execution proceedings.

In a landmark order, RERA-K had held seven directors of the company 'liable and responsible for the acts of the company', and ordered for the directors to be impleaded in the execution orders. This meant that revenue recovery could be made from their personal assets as well. However, on an appeal by the company, the High Court of Karnataka gave a stay on this order, sources said.

Financial awareness camp

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As part of the nationwide financial inclusion campaign (July 1 to September 30), Bank of India's Bettahalsur branch, under SLBC Karnataka, organised a financial awareness camp on Friday at Bettahalsur gram panchayat.

The event was attended by deputy general manager Anitha Ramesh Nair and regional leaders.

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'Rising number of abandoned children being institutionalised is not a good sign'

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"Every year in the State, the number of orphans and abandoned children getting institutionalised in government and private child care centres is increasing. This is not a good sign," said Arundhati, programme manager, Directorate of Child Protection, Karnataka.

Speaking on "Status of the Family-Based Care in Karnataka" during a consultation here on Friday, Ms. Arundhati said there are 711 child care institutions in the State, including 108 government-run Bala Mandiras.

Currently, there are about 19,000 to 20,000 children in these institutions. Of these, 350 are adoptable children in the Orphan, Abandonment Surrendered (OAS) category. The rest are in the No-Visitation or Unfit Guardian category, Ms. Arundhati said.

"According to the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2025, institutionalisation of children should be a last resort. But we are promoting institutionalisation without properly understanding the Act. As per the rules, children registered with the Child Welfare Committee and the Children's Welfare Board should be re-integrated with their families as a first priority. If there is no family, they can be re-integrated with the extended family. If this is not possible, steps should be taken to provide them with a permanent family through adoption. When none of this is possible, arrangements should be made for them in foster care family," she said.

Adoption

"There is a good response to adoption in the State. However, the public is not showing much interest in becoming foster care parents for children above six years," she said.

"This year, already 70 children have been given to foster care. Currently, there are 150 children identified for foster care in the State. Out of these, 61 are in immediate placement, all of whom are in the special needs category. Of the remaining 89 children, six are in the normal, 61 in the no-visitation, and 22 are in the unfit guardian category," Ms. Arundhati said.

After consulting with the children, 67 children are ready to be given to foster care, and 129 prospective foster parents have registered to receive the children in the District Child Protection Committees. However, none of them have come forward to take in special needs children," she lamented.

Further, Ms. Arundhati explained that there is are no proper guidelines for foster children the Foster Child completing 18 years of age, and it is the biggest challenge for us.

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Echoes of Moregard & Kohli: meet disruptive TT prodigy Ankur Bhattacharjee

The 18-year-old paddler's ability to disconcert quality players has catapulted him to the top of 'the next big thing' stakes in India, where the men's game is at a crossroads. But how well will his unconventional style — richly successful at the junior level — translate to the big stage?

Amol Karhadkar

His aggression at the table evokes visions of Virat Kohli. So do more than the dozen tattoos he sports.

His unconventional technique reminds you of Truls Moregard, the Swede who stormed into the men's singles final at the Paris Olympics. And he worships Grand Slam winner Zhang Jike.

Creating a stir

But, amidst all this, there are a few who wonder whether he can translate his exploits at the junior level to the open category. The house is definitely divided on how to bill Ankur Bhattacharjee, the teenager from Kolkata who has created a stir in the world of table tennis.

More than his consistent top-five Under-19 World ranking, it's his uncanny ability to force formidable opponents onto the back foot that has catapulted him to the top of 'the next big thing' ladder in Indian table tennis.

The men's game in the country finds itself at a crossroads. A. Sharath Kamal – the flagbearer for two decades – has hung up his boots. Harmeet Desai and G. Sathiyan are in the latter half of their careers. Manush Shah and Manav Thakkar, the spectacled duo, have been close to cementing themselves at the top of the Indian charts.

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Against this backdrop, Ankur's rise from sapling to slowly spreading banyan offers hope.

His achievements at 18 have rarely been matched even by the best at this age. Unbeaten in age-group categories on the domestic circuit for three years, he has already tasted success in Senior National Ranking events. He broke into the national squad for the World Championships earlier this year.

On the world circuit, Ankur – he is coached by father Anshuman; mother Kuntali is also a former paddler – is placed at No. 3. He has not left the top-10 since February 2025.

Despite Ankur having excelled at various levels, many believe he is far from being the finished product. One of them is Jorg Bitzigeio, the German coach with whom Ankur spent three weeks training earlier this year. Much of the scepticism has to do with the Indian's maverick technique.

While table tennis is a forehand-dominant sport, with the backhand playing the supporting role, Ankur is an exception. He covers most of the table with his backhand, producing both top-spin and rocket winners that breach even the best defence. His wrong-footed stance leaves his extreme forehand corner vulnerable, but he compensates with his ability to surprise opponents.

He uses the jab effectively, imparts side-spin from various angles and is super-agile, reaching virtually every possible ball. The combination makes Ankur an effective, watchable proposition.

PHOTO: UTT

Justifying the faith

This was on display time and again during Ultimate Table Tennis' sixth edition, where he justified the faith shown in him by his home franchise Kolkata ThunderBlades. For the second year in succession, he was among the leading Indians, accounting for fancied opponents.

As a result, while Indian table tennis is divided over Ankur's ability and his backhand-oriented technique, he isn't rattled by it.

"Since 2017, I have been hearing that you can't have your backhand as your main weapon. First of all, I don't think of myself as a backhand-only player. And I have been working on my game over the last two years," Ankur told *The Hindu* during UTT.

"No player is perfect and everyone has a stronger flank. There is no harm in having your backhand as your strong suit, but I am working on my overall technique anyway."

For the last two years, Ankur and Anshuman have been focusing on improving his efficiency in the forehand corner without sacrificing the backhand as his USP. It's his ability to execute unimaginable backhand strokes that has drawn comparisons with Moregard.

"I have heard this a lot – rather overheard it – that he can be India's Truls, but I know I have a long way to go. Playing the men's World Championships is just the start."

Had it not been for a parental push, though, Ankur could well have followed in the footsteps of his sporting idol – Kohli. Sensing that cricket is an expensive sport even for beginners, his paddler parents directed him to a table. In less than two years after first gripping a racquet, Ankur became India No. 2 in the cadet category. There has been no looking back.

Ankur's day in Kolkata, when he is not travelling the world, is consumed with table tennis.

"The day starts with fitness training from 8 to 10 a.m. Then a half-hour break. From 10.30 to 3 o'clock, I practise, and again in the evening from 6 to 9, I am back at the table," he says. Mental training? "Nothing formal yet, but I have found my own little techniques that help me."

One recent method is listening to the Hanuman Chalisa, a devotional hymn. Early in 2025, he was feeling low at the start of a WTT event in Cappadocia, Turkey. "I wasn't playing well. Before the first match over there, I listened to it by accident and won.

"I kept on playing it before every match that week and went on to win the U-19 title, beating Benyamin Faraji [a top junior], who had entered the tournament on a high, beating a men's top-30 player in the earlier week. Since then, I play Hanuman Chalisa before every match."

It doesn't take much time to figure out that Ankur is a religious youngster. After all, his first tattoo was a depiction of "Lord Shiva, since I am a Shiv-bhakt". "They have started calling me a Bengal tiger, so I recently got a tiger tattooed as well," he says, with a sheepish smile.

God-fearing and soft-spoken in general, he turns into a livewire at the table, even rubbing his opponents the wrong way. "Being aggressive comes naturally to me. In fact, it spurs me on. Sometimes I need that adrenaline rush, so I don't mind being ultra-aggressive," Ankur says.

Perhaps it's a trait he has imbibed from Kohli. He can't choose among Kohli, Hardik Pandya and Zhang, should he be given the opportunity to meet one. "I am in awe of all of them. When I am not playing table tennis, I am either watching cricket or a Zhang Jike match," he says.

During the IPL, when Punjab Kings checked into the same hotel as the UTT entourage, Ankur had hoped for Royal Challengers Bengaluru to join them in the final. But Kohli & Co. were in another hotel and Ankur's demanding schedule meant he could neither seek an audience with his hero nor watch him in action.

Keeping it simple

But he knows he has plenty of time to fulfil his wish-list of meeting the trio. And he realises that rather than trying to make it happen – or spell out his aspirations of winning an Olympic or a Commonwealth medal – he wants to keep it simple.

"All I need to do is to keep improving and working harder with every passing day," he says. "If I can do that, I know I will achieve much more than what I have. The goals can keep getting revised, I am only starting now. There's a long way to go."

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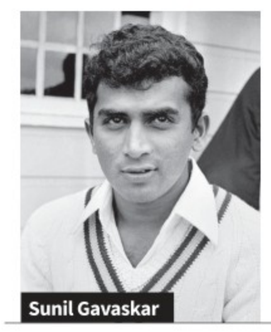
GAME THEORY

Line of succession: from Bannerman to Tendulkar

With Joe Root in pursuit of Sachin Tendulkar's tally for the most Test runs, we look at the batters who have held the prestigious record. Charles Bannerman claimed it first. Arthur Shrewsbury became the first to take it past the 1,000-run mark and keep it for more than decade. Wally Hammond owned it longest. Sunil Gavaskar advanced the record into the 10,000-run territory and Tendulkar lifted it over 15,000.

Arthur Shrewsbury

Wally Hammond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MOST TEST RUNS: RECORD PROGRESSION

Record	Batter	Country	Record held until	Record held for
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676	George Ulyett	England	13 August 1884	2 years, 222 days
860	Billy Murdoch	Australia	14 August 1886	2 years, 1 day
1,277	Arthur Shrewsbury	England	23 January 1902	15 years, 162 days
1,293	Joe Darling	Australia	18 February 1902	26 days
1,366	Syd Gregory	Australia	14 June 1902	116 days
1,531	Archie MacLaren	England	13 August 1902	60 days
3,412	Clem Hill	Australia	27 December 1924	22 years, 136 days
5,410	Jack Hobbs	England	29 June 1937	12 years, 184 days
7,249	Wally Hammond	England	27 November 1970	33 years, 151 days
7,459	Colin Cowdrey	England	23 March 1972	1 year, 117 days
8,032	Garfield Sobers	West Indies	23 December 1981	9 years, 275 days
8,114	Geoffrey Boycott	England	12 November 1983	1 year, 324 days
10,122	Sunil Gavaskar	India	25 February 1993	9 years, 105 days
11,174	Allan Border	Australia	25 November 2005	12 years, 273 days
11,953	Brian Lara	West Indies	17 October 2008	2 years, 327 days
15,921	Sachin Tendulkar	India	Current	16 years & counting

Sachin Tendulkar

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Touche!

Fencing — as this photograph from the FISU World University Games in Essen, Germany, shows — demands skill, agility, cat-like reflexes and quick thinking. Often described as 'high-speed chess', the discipline traces its origins to sword-fighting in combat. Its evolution as a sport appears to have begun in the mid-18th century in London, where Italian sword-master Domenico Angelo set up a fencing school.

The military art became all the rage among the aristocracy, developing into a fashionable pastime that helped cultivate health and grace. It's no surprise then that honour and etiquette continue to be prized in the sport.

Fencing has three primary competitive categories: foil, epee, and sabre. Each has its own blade and set of rules. The foil, seen in this picture, is a light, thrusting weapon that targets the torso, not the arms and legs. Touches are scored only with the tip.

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Gen Z living reimagined

Aspirational young renters are turning organised housing into the next big real estate opportunity

Angad Bedi

India's first-ever generation to have access to computers and smartphones, quality education, who flip between websites, apps, and social media feeds, and lead an elevated lifestyle, is transforming real estate offerings. Born between 1997 and 2012, Generation Z is reimagining housing beyond the pure-play aspects of location, affordability, and connectivity. Instead, they are increasingly opting for greater comfort, enhanced services, and a digital-first experience. This shift is primarily led by growing disposable incomes, a social media-driven lifestyle, and complete freedom provided in comparison to traditional paying guest models. These factors are leading to the rise of student and co-living services offering fully furnished housing, housekeeping services, and on-tap support systems.

Identifying the immense potential in this segment, an increasing number of student housing operators are partnering with developers and local landlords to either transform their existing properties or develop new ones to cater to the taste palette of the younger generation.

According to global property consultant Colliers, India's student housing market is expected to grow significantly, reaching approximately ₹6,822 crore ($780.5 million) by 2030, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6.6% from 2025 onward. As of 2021-22, student enrollment in higher education stood at 43.3 million, with over 75% of students living away from their hometowns. However, on-campus hostels can accommodate only 20% of the total student population, creating a gap in housing. This has increased reliance on off-campus accommodations, with private operators offering security, food, Wi-Fi, and transportation services.

Upward growth trajectory

Similarly, India's co-living market is on an upward growth trajectory, with demand rebounding strongly in recent years and operators gearing up for expansion across Tier I cities and select Tier II cities, as per the Indian Brand Equity Federation. Currently estimated at around 0.3 million beds in the organised market, the inventory is projected to grow more than threefold and reach close to a whopping 1 million beds by 2030. The resurgence of the sector is being fueled by rapid urbanisation and migration to cities, especially amongst students and young professionals who continue to seek flexible, relatively affordable, community-driven, and hassle-free housing options.

The rise in the demand for premium living solutions for today's youngsters is leading to further segmentation of the Indian residential real estate market and opening up billion-dollar opportunities while bringing greater comfort and convenience to the end users. This assumes significance considering individuals are moving away from PGs, which are typically managed by individuals or small businesses and possess basic amenities, while co-living spaces are more professionally managed and offer a wider range of amenities with a strong focus on community building.

Through a wide range of partnerships with solutions providers such as high-end and comfortable furniture suppliers, high-speed Wi-Fi, trained housekeeping staff from staffing agencies, and timely maintenance, youngsters are increasingly opting for services from the organised industry. This, apart from organising events, accurately and proactively dispensing information about developments at the property while building a friendly environment, is attracting Gen Z towards student and community living.

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Good, better and best

Although there is significant traction in the student and co-living segment, operators are able to cater to customers across all price segments. From value to mid-premium and luxury housing offerings, operators are ensuring standardised offerings which are still higher as compared to traditional PG setups and are building on impressive aesthetics and services similar to high-end service apartments and hotels. This, complemented with the accelerated adoption of proptech platforms and most operators making it easy to discover and book a bed online, is further making it easier for youngsters to avail these services. Interestingly, the sector is also witnessing impressive traction from developers and institutional investors, attracted by exciting returns. According to Tracxn, the co-living real estate comprises 810 companies, including 230 funded companies that have collectively raised $4.87B in venture capital money and private equity. Out of these, 76 are Series A+ funded, and one has achieved unicorn status.

Colliers suggests that the student housing sector presents attractive rental yields, ranging from 8% to 18% per annum, much higher than traditional real estate. Despite challenges such as financing issues and a lack of organised players, experts believe private equity investments will drive growth in this market. However, it's important for the government to build conducive policies around the student and co-living segment through tax incentives for developers, along with public-private partnerships to expand the sector.

As we look forward to the next phase of growth of the student and co-living segments, we expect mushrooming of operators and properties across the top metros before trickling down to smaller cities, which are also witnessing shoots of green in student migration. Therefore, it becomes important to build regulations, standardise services, and build ecosystem partnerships to drive awareness and improve the quality of services.

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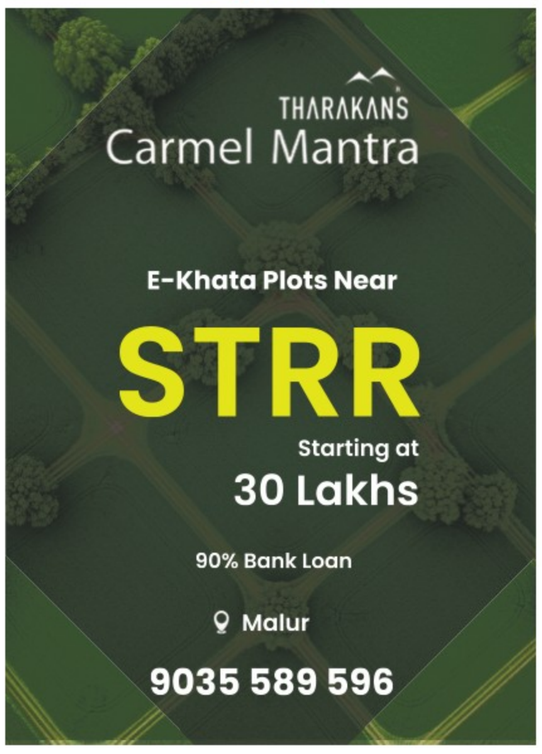

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BIAL raises ₹9,000 cr. through private placement of NCDs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), operator of Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), has successfully concluded the largest unlisted private placement of Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) in India's airport sector, raising a total of ₹9,000 crore. BIAL said that the transaction is being undertaken in two tranches: ₹4,362 crore completed on July 25, and ₹4,638 crore scheduled for early October. SBICAPs acted as the sole arranger for this issuance.

"This landmark issuance is a significant milestone for BIAL as it not only reflects strong investor confidence in our long-term vision, but also strategically strengthens our financial position ahead of the next phase of expansion," Bhaskar Rao, chief financial officer, BIAL said.

Poetry festival

BENGALURU

The 9th edition of Bengaluru Poetry Festival will be held on August 2 and 3 at Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha.

It will be inaugurated at 9.45 a.m. on Saturday with Ramya Nambessan, actor and singer, participating as special invitee.

BBMP chief orders plan for revamping 75 junctions

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Chief Commissioner M. Maheswar Rao ordered officials to chalk out an action plan for developing 75 junctions across the city under the Suraksha project. This will be in addition to the 75 junctions whose works have already commenced.

Mr. Rao, during the inspection of Sumanahalli junction on Friday, ordered officials to fix the issues with the footpath fencing along the junction as it was causing problems for pedestrians. He directed the officials to design a model to make the junction more citizen-friendly.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Issued Under Rule 8(1) Of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED** under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **26.05.2025** and further Substitute Demand Notice issued dated **05.06.2025** calling upon the **Borrower (1) Annapoorneshwari Pharma,** No.26, Thimmiah Complex, 80 Ft Road, Maruthi Nagar, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560072. **(2) Eshwar R Madawal,** No.15, Vinayakanagara, Lingadheeranahalli, Bangalore, Water Tank, Andrahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560091. **(3) Ramappa Madawal (Guarantor)** 119, 4th Main, 4th Cross, 12th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore- 560072., to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1,10,71,704.86 (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Seven Hundred Four and Paisa Eighty Six Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Even though the borrower having failed to repay the amount, the account is left with a balance of **Rs. 1,13,88,895.86/- (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five and Paisa Eight Six only) as on 30.07.2025.** The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **1st day of August of the year 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED** for an amount of **Rs. 1,13,88,895.86/- (Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five and Paisa Eight Six only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of vacant land situated at ward No 35, Municipal no 7, PID No- 35-173-7 Marenahalli, Malagalu Village, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka-560040, admeasuring 1200.00 sqft and bounded by: North by : Vacant Site, South By : 30 ft Road, East By : Rajamma's House, West By : House No.200.

Date : 01.08.2025 **Sd/- Chief Manager / Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client is proposed to purchase the Property bearing Site No.17, Chikkallasandra Village, Survey No.85, BBMP E-PID No. 2227721115, Situated at Chikkallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now comes under BBMP jurisdiction measuring East to West 30 feet, and North to South 40feet, totally measuring about **1200 Square feet,** and consisting over 1(one)square AC Sheet House, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the : - East by : Site No.18; West by : Site No.16; North by : Road; South by : Site No. 8.

from it's present Owner **Mrs. GAYATHRI** W/o Sri. H. L. Nagaraj, She had acquired the same through registered Deed of Sale dated 14/06/2010, registered as Document No. BSK-1-01661-2010-11, Stored in CD No.BSKD72 in Book-I, registered before the Sub Registrar Banashankari, Bangalore.

Any persons having any claim or interest in or to the said property or any part thereof through sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, bequest, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is/are required to forward their claim to the said property, to the undersigned, along with relevant supporting documents thereof, within 10 (Ten) days from this date.

In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived and a valid and binding conveyance will be executed in my client's favour without any further reference in this regard.

MUNISHAMI REDDY. G.R, Advocate
226/87, Opp. BDA Park, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, BSK III Stage, Bengaluru-560 085.
(M) 9740155591

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the **NOTICE** of the General Public, that **Shri. LOKESH S,** aged about 46 years, s/o. Sampangiramaiah, R/at: No. 22/33, Yelenahalli Gate, Begur Hobli, Bangalore – 560 068, is the full & absolute owner of the Property bearing Site No. 14 of Yelenahalli Village, Bangalore South Taluk, which is morefully described in the schedule below, having gifted from his brother/Srinivasamurthy, under Gift Deed dated 19/01/2024 registered as Document No. BGR-1-10327/2023-24 of Book – I in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Begur, Bangalore.

It is further notified to the General Public that the earlier Sale Deed executed in favour of Anil Kumar and Anil Kumar inturn entered into registered Sale Agreement viz., **(i)** Sale Deed dated 24/06/2004 executed Lakshmamma and another represented by GPA Holder/Syed Nisar in favour of Anil Kumar registered as Document No. BAS-1-07223/2004-05 of Book – I stored in CD No. BASD72 in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk and **(ii)** registered Sale Agreement dated 05/08/2017 entered into by and between Anil Kumar with Padmavathamma registered as Document No. JAY-1-04143/2017-18 of Book – I stored in CD No. JAYD303 in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore, were lost/missing. A Police complaint in this regard was also lodged with the Jurisdictional Police/Bangalore City vide Lost Report No. 1726507/2025 dated 29/07/2025. It is hereby requested that if any person/s comes across or finds the same, they are requested to hand over the same to the below-mentioned address & they will be compensated accordingly.

The General Public are hereby further cautioned that if anybody deals with the Schedule Property with any person/s based on the misplaced/lost document mentioned above, it is at their own risk & cost and such person/s will not derive any title over the Schedule Property and in such an event they have no claim of whatsoever nature against **Lokesh S** nor Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of property bearing **Site No. 41,** with Khatha No. 33/3, 33/2, 30/2 situated at **Yelenahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** presently within the limits of BBMP Bangalore measuring East to West **30 feet,** North to South **40 feet,** in all measuring **1200 square feet,** & bounded on the:-

East by : Site No. 40; West by : Site No. 42; North by : Road & South by : Site No. 52:

Shri. G.N. HARISH, Advocate,
Office at No. 312, Ground Floor, 21st 'A' Cross, VI Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE - 560 070
Dated : 01/08/2025 Place : Bengaluru

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION)
UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance (BAANKNET)** through the website **https://baanknet.com/**

Sl. No.	1)Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2)Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Reserve Price 3) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount	1) Last date of deposit of EMD 2) Last date of KYC documents 3) EMD A/c no. 4) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1	**1) Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) :** **1. M/s Innosoft Data Links Pvt Ltd.** No. 817-819, B Wing, 8th Floor, Mittal Towers Mg Road, Bangalore- 560001. **2. Mr. Balamurugan G** No. 2, Murugan Nilayam, Lingaiyyana Oalya, Indiragandhi Street, Ulsoor, Bangalore- 560005. **3. Mrs. Sivapriya Thiagarajan** No. E 005, Ground Floor, Adithi Pearl Apartments, Kalkere 60 Ft Road, NRI Layout, Bangalore 560043. **2)** Canara Bank **- Trinity Circle Branch** **Ph. No. 8451827773**	**1) Rs. 1,20,62,564.61** plus further interest & charges **2) Mentioned each property below.**	**1) 19.08.2025** upto 5.00 pm **2) 19.08.2025** upto 6.00 pm 3) EMD Payment to E-Wallet or through Challan generated in M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal. **4) Rs. 50,000/-**	**1. 20.08.2025** **2. 11.00 am to 2.00 pm** **3. 18.08.2025** **10.00 am to 2.00 pm**
	Description of the immovable/ movable assets: All that piece and parcel of residential building and premises constructed on site no. 1 measuring East to West on the northern side 35ft, on the southern side 30ft, North to South 75ft formed out of alienated Survey number 2 bearing City Municipal Khata no. 1694, assessment no. 1733 situated at Nachepalli (Kaluve area) Robertsonpet City Municipal Council Limit, KGF, Bangarpet taluk and Bounded on the : **North by:** 20 ft Road, **South by:** Drain, **East by:** House belonging to JA Stephens and **West by:** 30 ft Road. **A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs.35,10,000.00 B) EMD - Rs. 3,51,000.00**			
2	**1) Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) :** **1. Sri. M V Venkataramappa s/o Late Munishami R** Rajendrahalli, Byrakuru Hobli, Mulabagilu Kolar District 563131. **2.Smt. Narayanamma w/o M V Venkataramappa** **3.Sri. Ramesh V s/o M V Venkataramappa (Guarantor)** **Both are at :** Byrakuru Hobli, Mulabagilu Kolar District 563131. **2)** Canara Bank **- Agriculture Finance Branch** **Ph. No. 9483532373**	**1) Rs. 1,26,02,755.00** plus further interest & charges **2) Mentioned each property below.**	**1) 19.08.2025** upto 5.00 pm **2) 19.08.2025** upto 6.00 pm 3) EMD Payment to E-Wallet or through Challan generated in M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal. **4) Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**1. 20.08.2025** **2. 11.00 am to 2.00 pm** **3. 18.08.2025** **10.00 am to 2.00 pm**
	Description of the immovable/ movable assets: **A. (1)** All that piece and parcel of Agricultural land in Old Sy. No 53, New Sy. No. 53/p8-p1 measuring 1 acre and 35 guntas situated at Rajendrahalli village, Byrakur hobli, Mulabagal taluk, Kolar Dist in the name of MV Venkataramappa bounded on, **East by :** Sy. No. 53, **West by :** Sy. No. 53, **North by :** Kunte and **South by :** Survey No. 53 & Road. **(2)** All that piece and parcel of Agricultural land in Old Sy. No 53, New Sy. No. 280 measuring 2 acres and 20 guntas situated at Rajendrahalli village, Byrakur hobli, Mulabagal taluk, Kolar Dist in the name of Narayanamma bounded on, **East by :** Sy. No. 53, **West by :** Sy. No. 53, **North by :** Kunte and **South by :** Survey No. 53 & Road. **A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs.1,80,90,000.00 B) EMD - Rs. 18,09,000.00** **B. (3)** All that piece and parcel of Residential vacant site No. 97, bearing V.P. Khata No. 353/97, E –Khatha No.151900902600320807 (40*30 ft), at Sri SaiLakshmi Enclave, Opp. Sri Sai Vidya International School, Avani-Hobli & Grama Panchayath, Mulbagal taluk, Kolar – Dist. in the name of guarantor V Ramesh, Bounded by : **East by :** Site No. 89, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 98 and **South by :** Site No. 96. **(4)** Residential vacant site No. 89, bearing V.P. Khata No. 353/89, E –Khatha No.151900902600320814 (40*37 ft), at Sri SaiLakshmi Enclave, Opp. Sri Sai Vidya International School, Avani-Hobli & Grama Panchayath, Mulbagal taluk, Kolar – Dist. in the name of guarantor V Ramesh. Bounded by : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No. 96& 97, **North by :** Site No. 88 and **South by :** Road. **(5)** Residential vacant site No. 79, bearing V.P. Khata No. 353/79, E –Khatha No.151900902600320753 (40*41 ft), at Sri SaiLakshmi Enclave, Opp. Sri Sai Vidya International School, Avani-Hobli & Grama Panchayath, Mulbagal taluk, Kolar – Dist. in the name of guarantor V Ramesh. Bounded by : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No. 107, **North by :** Private Property and **South by :** Site No. 80. **A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs.69,15,000.00 B) EMD - Rs. 6,91,500.00**			

For all details contact at Regional Office, MG Road, Bangalore. Contact Numbers - 1) 79074 16232, , 2) 70107 03787

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the branch.

Place: Bangalore, Date : 01.08.2025 **Authorized Officer, Canara Bank**

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Bank of Baroda, Gauribidanur, Karnataka

NOTICE TO BORROWER
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT.2002)

To:

1. M/s. Sampaiah Service Station Prop.Mr.Chethan S/o Chikkaiah, Plot No.69 Sy.No.30- part Gowribidanur 2nd phase, Industrial Area, Kudumalakunte village, Gauribidanur Taluk, Chikballapur Dist-561208. **.....Borrower**

2. Mr.Chethan S/o Chikkaiah #1235, 10th main 15th AA Cross, KHB Suryanarayana Phase-I Chandapura post, Anekal taluk, Bengaluru-560081. **....Proprietor & Mortgagor**

3. Susheela W/o Chikkaiah #1235, 10th main 15th AA Cross, KHB Suryanarayana Phase-I Chandapura post, Anekal taluk, Bengaluru-560081 **....Mortgagor**

4. S Kiran Kumar No.65 Bettahalli Kadabagere post, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru Urban - 562130 **....Guarantor**

Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: Credit facilities with our Gauribidanur Branch

1. We refer to our letter no. SN119/A1J dated 29.11.2022 conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction you have availed and started utilizing the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

Nature and Type of Facility	Limit (in Lacs)	Applicable Rate of Interest (P.A.)	Outstanding balance as on 03.07.2025 (including interest up to 03.07.2025)	Security agreement with brief description of securities
Baroda TL New account Number 67240600004397	Rs.191.00	13.40	Rs.1,76,95,743 (Principle Amount Rs.1,70,21,97 Plus contractual Interest Rs.6,73,766 Plus further interest w.e.f. from 04.07.2025 thereon at the contractual plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment	1) Equitable Mortgage Dated Rs. 26.12.2022 of all that part and parcel of the Residential House situated at No.1235 LIG II Developed by the Karnataka housing board in development known as "Suryanagara" and situated at Iggaluru-Banahillu Villages of Anekal taluk Bengaluru Urban dist admeasuring East to west 12.00 Mtrs and North to south 9.00 Mtrs in all measuring 108.00 sq mtrs in the name of Mrs. Susheela W/o. Chikkaiah CERSAI charge Asset ID 1) 200094588782 **Bounded by: East** Layout Road, **West** House no 1252 LIG Type B, **North** House no 1234 LIG Type A, **South** House no 1236 LIG. 2) Equitable Mortgage Dated 25.04.2023 of all that part and parcel of the industrial land plot no 69 in Gauribidanur 2nd phase Industrial area comprised in sy no 30 part with in village limit of Kudumalakunte village kasaba hobli Gauribidanur taluk Chikkaballapura dist containing admeasurements 6096 sq mtrs. **North:** Plot no 50, **South:** 18 mts wide KIDAB Road, **East:** Plot no 68, **West:** Amenity Plot no A-3 Standing in the name of M/s. Sampaih Service Station Represented by Mr. Chethan C S/o Chikkaiah CERSAI charge Asset ID (1)200094586116.
Total	Rs. 191.00 Lakhs		Rs.1,76,95,743 (Rupees one Crore Seventy Six Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fourty Three Only) Plus further interest w.e.f.from 03.07.2025 thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment	

2. In the letter of acknowledgement of debt dated 19.01.2023 you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of Rs. 1,91,00,000 as on 19.01.2023 The outstanding stated above include further drawings and interest up to 03.07.2025 Other charges debited to the account are Rs.NIL.

3. As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of Interest on above loans/outstanding for the quarter ended JUNE 2025 Onward. You have also defaulted in payment of Installment of Term Loan/Demand Loans which have fallen due for payment on 04.04.2025 and thereafter

4. Consequent upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on (03.07.2025) in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.

5. Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating **Rs. 1,76,95,743 (Rupees One Crore Seventy Six Lakhs Ninety Five thousand Seven Hundred Fourty Three Only) as on 03.07.2025** Plus further interest w.e.f. from 04.07.2025_thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment, as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.

6. Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.

7. We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13(13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.

8. We further invite your attention to sub section 8 of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets,if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/ tender/private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.

9. Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Place: Gauribidanur **Sd/-**
Date: 04.07.2025 **Chiel Manager & Authorized Officer**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, BENGALURU
No. 4, LIC First Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru 560 025

RC No. 13930 FORM NO. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))

Canara Bank,
Srirampuram Branch,
Opp. Devaiah Park, MKK Road,
Sriramapuram, Bengaluru-560 021.

Versus **Certificate Holders**

Sri. Ravindra B.A & Another

Certified Debtors

DEMAND NOTICE

To
Sri. Ravindra B.A,
S/o Late Anantharamaiah,
R/at: No.152, 2nd Stage, 3rd Cross, Okalipuram, Bengaluru 560 021.
Smt. Annapoorna P.S,
W/o Sri. Ravindra B.A,
R/at: No.152, 2nd Stage, 3rd Cross, Okalipuram, Bengaluru-560 021.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA 1698/2016** passed by the Presiding Officer Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore on **24-Apr-18** an amount of **Rs. 36,18,656.38 (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh(s) Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six And Paise Thirty Eight Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of O.A. till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the Receipt of the notice falling which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay.

(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

(b) All Costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **30th day of July 2018.**

Sd/-
(RAJASEKHARAN. R)
RECOVERY OFFICER-1
DEBTES RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU

NB: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 which is reproduced below:

16. (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule, any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other moneys contrary to such attachment, shall be void as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

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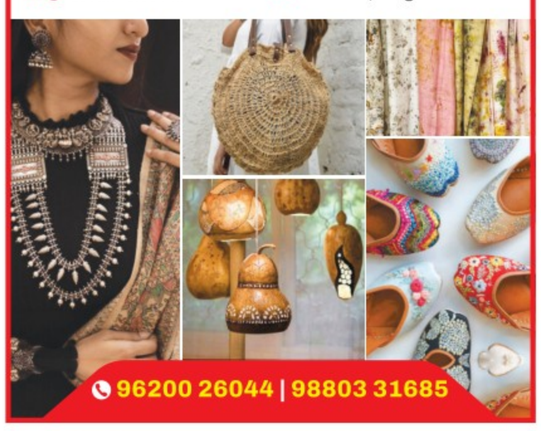

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I, ANILKUMAR Eswarvakam, s/o: Eswarvakam Subramaniam Reddy, r/o: C.1103, Vaishnavi Oasis, Anjanapura Post, Avalahalli, J P Nagar 9th Phase, Blr 560062, Have Changed My Name As Anil Kumar Eswarawaka Vide Afdvt Dtd on 30/07/2025

I, BABITHA, r/at No.26, 5th Cross, Thyagaraja Nagar, Bangalore 560070 have changed my name as Babitha Rajath Kumar Jain vide affidavit dtd 28.07.25 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, Bluru

I, KISHORE Kumar Jain R, r/at No.26, 5th Cross, Thyagaraja Nagar, Bangalore 560070 have changed my Son name from Harshvardhan Kishore Kumar Jain to Harshvardhan Jain vide affidavit dtd 28.07.25 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, Bluru

I, KISHORE Kumar Jain R, r/at No.26, 5th Cross, Thyagaraja Nagar, Bangalore 560070 have changed my daughter name from Prisha Kishore Kumar Jain to Prisha Jain vide affidavit dtd 28.07.25 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, Bluru

I, SATHISHA Boregowda, r/at #39, Byraveshwara Nilaya, 2nd Cross, near SPMHS School, Mariyappanapalya, Bluru-56 have changed my name to Sathish Boregowda vide affidavit dated 01.08.25 sworn before Notary S.Vijayakumar, Bluru

I, TEJASWINI SATHISHA, r/at #39, Byraveshwara Nilaya, 2nd Cross, near SPMHS School, Mariyappanapalya, Bluru-56 have changed my name to Tejaswini.K.M. (Tejaswini Kylancha Marikalegowda) vide affidavit dated 01.08.25 sworn before Notary S.Vijayakumar, Bluru

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XLIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE
P and SC No. 378/2025 (CCH-44)

MR. KIRAN P S/o Mr. Late Prabhakaran Aged about 35 years, Residing at No. E-3/27, Karunalaya, 6th Cross, Nanjappa Layout, Arekere Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560 076 **PETITIONER**
AND: NIL **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above-named Petitioner has instituted the above Petition under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, seeking Succession Certificate in his favour, in respect of the Schedule Property as described herein below i.e. succeeding to the estate of Late. Smt. Vanamala Sowmya Latha mother of the Petitioner herein, who passed away on 24.07.2021

Any person having objections for issuance of succession certificate in respect of the schedule Property in favour of the Petitioner may appear in person or through their advocate on 22.08.2025 at 11 A.M. (CCH No. 44) failing which the matter will be heard and disposed of in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

The Bharat Co-operative Bank Ltd bearing Account No. 02103027108, Jayanagar Branch, Bengaluru having an amount of Rs. 3,21,357/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Seven)

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, on 29.07.2025

By Order of the Court
Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

Office at: **Bhushan Law Fir** (Advocate), 2/3, 2nd Floor, Thimmaiah Towers, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009

IN THE COURT OF THE HONOURABLE SUBORINATE JUDGE DENKANIKOTTA
H.M.O.P. No.3/2022

Madheva ... PETITIONER
V/s.
Shilpa, D/o. Veerapa, W/o. Madheva, Door No.53, 12th Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Kodipalya, Kengeri, Bangalore - 560 060.
... RESPONDENT

NOTICE

The petitioner filed the case against you before the Honourable Subordinate judge court, Denkanikottai Twon & Taluk, Krishnagiri District for praying divorce in HMOP No. 3/2022. That the above case is posted on 12.09.2025 for your presence and kindly you will be appeared on 12.09.2025 at 10.00 AM at the above case before the above Honourable Court and you submit your objection. Failing which the Honourable court will be passed orders against you.

\\ By the court order //
M.Vedhaprakash
Advocate,
Denkanikottai Town and Taluk,
Krishnagiri District - 635 107.
Cell : 9842485393

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
(C.C.H.No.29)
P. & Sc. No. 25044 of 2025.

PETITIONERS: Mrs. SUDHA THIMMAIAH, aged about 70 years, Wife of Late Mr. Ballachanda Ganapathy Thimaiah, Residing at No. 7-C, Binny Cresent Apartments, Benson Cross Road, Benson Town, Bangalore 560 046. Aadhar Card No. 4534 0432 5184

2. Mrs. NANDINI THIMAIAH, aged about 45 years, Wife of Mr. Amit D Luthria, Residing at No. 17, Beau Monde Apartments, Flat No. 101, Benson Cross Road, Benson Town, Bangalore 560 046. Aadhar Card No. 2960 1091 7732

3. Mrs. SANGEETHA THIMMIAH, aged about 42 years, Wife of Mr. DEEPAK, Residing at No. 7-C, Binny Cresent Apartments, Benson Cross Road, Benson Town, Bangalore 560 046. Aadhar Card No. 8420 3838 5402 **-V/s-**

RESPONDENTS: NIL.

The General Public is hereby informed that the Petitioners in the above case have filed the above petition under Section 276 of the INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT, 1925 seeking probate of the registered 'WILL' dated 26-08-2024 executed by late **Mr. BALLACHANDA GANAPATHY THIMMAIAH,** in respect of the properties detailed in Schedule 'A' and 'B' hereunder which are left behind by him. Hence if any person has any kind of objections for the grant of 'PROBATE' in respect of the properties detailed in Schedule 'A' and 'B' hereunder, the interested parties are hereby warned to appear in this Court (CCH. No. 29) in person or by a pleader duly instructed on **02/09/2025** at **11:00 A.M.** forenoon to show cause against the petitioners, failing which the matter will be hear and determined ex-parte.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTIES

Item No. (1): All that piece and parcel of immoveable property forming part of larger portion of land in Sy. No. 56/29situated at Karavale Badaga Village, Madikeri, Kodagu. The aforesaid land is demarcated as 'A' in the sketch annexed to the WILL and is measuring: East to West on the Northern side: : 120 Feet, East to West on the Southern side: 120 Feet, North to South on the Eastern side: 173 feet, North to South on the Western side: 167 feet, And bounded as follows: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Property belonging to Sri. Ayyappa Ballachanda, **North by:** Property belonging to Smt. Januna Kelapanda, **South by:** Road.

Item No.(2): All that piece and parcel of immoveable property wet land measuring (1) one Acre situated at Aynmane which is below the water tank at the entrance of Aynmane, at Coorg.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTIES MOVEABLE PROPERTY

Sl.No. 1. Name of Bank & Branch: DBS Bank Limited, Account No. 827010144841, Account Type Savings, IFSC Code DBSSOIN0811

Given under my hand and seal on this 24/07/2025 at Bengaluru

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru

Advocate for Petitioner:
SRI. M.N. RAVINDRANATH, and
SRIRAM. S. BHAT
No.83/1, Dasappa Colony, St. John's Road, Bangalore - 560 042.

Auto fare hike comes into effect; commuters fume over increase in aggregator prices

They say app-based aggregators have hiked prices by 30 to 40%, far exceeding govt.-approved revisions; many complain about lack of transparency in how these fares are calculated

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the revised autorickshaw fare came into effect on Friday, commuters in Bengaluru said that fares on aggregator platforms had seen a sharp increase, with many claiming they are now being charged well beyond the government-approved minimum fare.

According to the new fare structure notified by the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) of Bengaluru Urban district, the minimum auto fare has been increased from ₹30 to ₹36 for the first two km, with the per km charge beyond that has been raised from ₹15 to ₹18. These new rates were notified on July 14 and came into force on August 1.

However, many daily commuters are reporting that app-based aggregators have hiked their prices by 30 to 40%, far exceeding the government-approved revisions. Many of them also complained about the lack of transparency in how these fares are calculated. Meenakshi S., a resident of Banashankari, said she frequently uses app-based autorickshaws for her daily commute to Infantry Road.

The minimum auto fare has been increased from ₹30 to ₹36 for the first two km, with the per km charge beyond that has been raised from ₹15 to ₹18. SUDHAKARA JAIN

"Earlier, the ride used to cost me under ₹170. Today, I paid ₹230 for the same distance. That's an increase of over 35%. There is no clarity on how the fare is calculated, and the app doesn't show the minimum fare, distance fare, or any extra charges. It just displays the sum amount," she said. She further alleged that the aggregators are violating government norms.

"It is unacceptable that these platforms are charging such exorbitant rates without a proper fare breakdown. The government must intervene and ensure that aggregators provide transparent fare details. We can't afford to be held hostage to these apps just because regular autorickshaws refuse to run on the meter," she added. Passengers said the absence of a fare breakup not only creates room for overcharging, but also erodes trust in these platforms.

Sangeetha R., a resident of Kamanahalli, said, "I booked a short ride on Friday and was charged ₹97. There was no explanation nor was there a mention of convenience fees, pick-up charges, surge pricing, or anything else. It's frustrating to not know what exactly we're paying for," she said.

Despite repeated attempts, *The Hindu* did not receive any response from all the aggregator platforms at the time of publication.

'Action will be taken'

A Transport Department official said that as per regulations, app-based auto aggregators are permitted to charge only 10% above the government-notified fare, along with an additional 5% Goods and Services Tax (GST). "We will take strict action against any auto drivers, owners, or aggregator platforms found violating these rules," the official warned.

IT services sector sees hiring headwinds, demand outlook for tech roles dull: Report

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While lay-off announcements from IT companies continue to cause concern among employees, the demand outlook for tech roles in August seems to be dull, as per a report by specialist staffing firm Xpheno.

'The sustained headwinds and the rise of Global Capability Centres as a popular format of talent consumption continue to keep the IT Services cohort under pressure'

"August's demand outlook in Tech is a notable 10% drop over openings in July 2025. The overall dip in tech hiring activity continues, with August 2025's outlook being 16% lower than last year's (August 2024) tech demand volume," notes the Active Tech Job Outlook Report for the month of August 2025. The Active Jobs Outlook Report is a monthly job market monitoring publication from Xpheno.

According to the report, the tech sector's current contribution to India's total active talent demand has dropped to 47%. Non-tech sector collective continues to hold the majority contributor status at 53%, after taking over from the Tech sector in October 2022.

According to the report, demand from the IT Services companies looks at a 13% drop over the previous month's volume. The current demand is also lower by 21% compared to the demand a year ago in August 2024.

Rise of GCC

"The sustained headwinds and the rise of Global Capability Centres (GCCs) as a popular format of talent consumption continue to keep the IT Services cohort under pressure," reads the outlook. The GCCs continue to hold firm, maintaining a steady 14,000 active openings for the month of August 2025. The active talent demand from GCCs has remained stable compared to the previous month.

"This underscores their growing dominance as a preferred model for talent deployment and capability building," notes the report.

Mid-senior openings

Mid-senior openings account for 56% of all active openings and have registered a 6% drop in volume compared to the previous month.

Opportunities for entry-level tech talent has also shown a month-on-month drop of 6%.

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आम सूचना

जिला लोक शिकायत निवारण कार्यालय, सिवान। बिहार उत्पाद एवं मद्य निषेध अधिनियम–2016 (यथा संशोधित 2018 एवं 2022) के अन्तर्गत जब्त वाहनों के मालिकों के लिए नोटिस ।

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जिला लोक शिकायत निवारण
पदाधिकारी, सिवान।

PR- 010166 (Excise) 2025-26 नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

RTC workers to go on indefinite strike from Aug. 5

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has announced an indefinite strike from August 5, seeking wage revision and other demands, the transport department officials clarified that wages were already revised in 2023 and will only be revised again in 2027.

The JAC, which represents employees of all four State-run transport corporations, has demanded a salary hike effective from January 1, 2024, and the settlement of pending arrears for 38 months from January 1, 2020, to February 28, 2023. It has also insisted that the revised pay be applicable for four years, up to December 31, 2027.

Transport officials, however, maintain that the government has already addressed these concerns.

Officials clarify that wages were already revised in 2023, and will only be revised again in 2027. FILE PHOTO

"During the COVID-19 period, despite complete or partial suspension of bus operations, the government continued to pay salaries and allowances to all employees of the four transport corporations. Later, in March 2023, a government order revised wages with effect from March 17, 2023," a senior official said.

The official added that a notional 15% hike had been granted, which would be implemented through monthly increments, and remain in force from 2023 to 2027. "As per the order issued last year, the next wage revision is only due in 2027," the official said, ruling out any scope for changes before that.

However, the JAC, in a letter to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, expressed strong disappointment. "At the July 4 meeting, you rejected our demands and misinterpreted the previous government's order. You claimed there are no pending dues and ruled out any revision before 2027. This has come as a shock to transport workers," the committee stated.

Mysuru's Chidananda S. Naik bags National Film Award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chidananda S. Naik's *Sunflowers Were the First Ones to Know* won the Best Script award in the Non-Feature Film competition at the 71st National Film Awards. The Mysuru filmmaker added another to his cap after shining at the Cannes Film Festival in 2024.

For his win at the National Film Awards, Chidananda received a cash prize of ₹2,00,00. Chidananda's film, based on a Kannada folktale, had clinched the La Cinef top prize at Cannes in May 2024. His movie revolves around an elderly woman who steals a rooster and deprives a village of sunlight. "For his evocative use of folklore, weaving the sense of smell as a subtle leitmotif to sensitively explore the nuances of the belief system," read the citation of the award. Filmmaker P Sheshadri, member of the jury panel, announced the award on Friday. A doctor-turned filmmaker, Chidananda is a graduate of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII). The film, shot entirely at night with limited resources, had also qualified for the Oscars 2025 in the Live Action Short Film category.

Chidananda S. Naik

Meanwhile, *Kandeelu - The Ray of Hope* won the Best Kannada Film honour.

The film revolves around Seeba, a poor farmer, who dreams of owning a farm for his family but struggles to make ends meet. He sends his son abroad with the hope of fulfilling his dream but is shattered when his son tragically dies and he can't bring back his body. Directed by K. Yashoda Prakash, the movie was screened at the Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes) in 2023.

BANGALORE-MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY
No. 5, Second Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560009.
Phone: 080-22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No:BMICAPA/CLU-03/106/2024-25/698 Date: 01-08-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri R. Mohan S/o Late Ramasiddu. B has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from **"Agriculture"** Zone to **"Residential"** purpose pertaining to Sy.No: **1050/12** extent of 00 Acre - 04 Guntas, of Arakere Village, Arakere Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961. The foresaid land is reserved for **Agriculture Zone** in Approved Master Plan. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following:

1) During the development works of the layout there will be opportunity of employment for Local labourers.
2) Surrounding areas will be developed by developing the Layout in the above said land.
3) Surrounding areas will be developed by developing the Layout in the above said land.
4) By planned layout, the public are benefited with the civic amenities such as good Roads, UGD, Electrification and Parks etc.,

Objections, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his / her objection to **Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru** in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 15 days from this notice. Any objections received after stipulated time will not be considered.

DIPR/CP/2142/Adverto/2025-26

Sd/- Member Secretary, B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bengaluru.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Lakes (East Zone & K.R. Puram Constituency), Room No. 309, 3rd Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.

No: EE/Lakes/East&KRPC/TN-06/2025-26 Date: 31-07-2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Lakes (East Zone & KRPC), BBMP, Bengaluru for the work mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category
1	Providing Chain Link Fencing at Horamavu Jayanthi, K.R. Puram. **(General) - Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 100.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,00,000.00**
2	Providing Chain Link Fencing at Bhattarahalli Lake, K.R. Puram. **(General) - Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 100.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,00,000.00**
3	Providing Chain Link Fencing at Kowdenahalli Lake, K.R. Puram. **(General) - Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 100.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 2,00,000.00**

Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender Documents can be downloaded from GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 02-08-2025 after 16.00 Hours. 2)** Date of Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **07-08-2025 at 15.00 Hours in the Office of the Chief Engineer, FECC, No. 308, 3rd Floor, Annex-2 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002. 3)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **18-08-2025 upto 15.00 Hours. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **19-08-2025 at 15.30 Hours. 5)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **After Approval of Technical Bid.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Lakes (East Zone & K.R. Puram Constituency), BBMP.

RAJIV GANDHI HOUSING CORPORATION LIMITED
9th floor, E & F Block, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru - 560009.
Telephone: 080-22106888/23118888
Website: https://ashraya.karnataka.gov.in E-mail: rgrhclgmtech@gmail.com

Tender Notification No: RGHCL 01 TECH (GEN) 21 2024 Date: 01.08.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal)

Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Limited invites Short Term tenders for the following work through e-procurement from the eligible contractors. Last date of submission of bid is Date: 15.08.2025.

Name of Work:-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to tender (Excluding GST) (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Rs. (in Lakhs)
1	Construction of Moulana Azad Model School / College (04 No's) in different Taluk of Belagavi District" - G+2 truss and galvanized and poly carbonate sheet roofing works at second floor - Package -1 (Hukkeri-1, Chikkodi-2, Bailahongal-1) **(Fixed Price No Variation)"** **Indent No: RGRHCL/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT3/ CALL-3.**	**1611.50**	**16.11**

further information visit: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**, **https://ashraya.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
General Manager (S D)
RGHCL, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/SPAN COMMUNICATIONS/2156/2025-26

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
ENGINEERING WING
Office of the Chief Engineer, Arogya Soudha, 3rd Floor, Leprosy Hospital Premises, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023 Telephone No.: 080-29557023 E-mail:**cekhsdrp@gmail.com**

No:HFWD/EW/CE/TA-3/AE-1,4&8/TND/2025-26/1465 Date:01.08.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION-CALL-2

The Chief Engineer, HFWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites Tender for Appointment of Consultants for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** in Two Tender document system in **KPP Portal Platform** for the following works under the Head of Account: KMERC Funds.

Sl. No	Description of works	Approximate Estimated Service cost (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Consultancy Services for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** for the works of Construction of New PHC building at Doddaguni (with equipment) and Bidare villages, Construction of New Sub Center building at Kondli village of Gubbi Taluk, Renovation of Taluk General Hospital, Gubbi with equipment and provision of Supernumerary medical officer.	12.58	0.32
2	Consultancy Services for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** for the works of Construction of New PHC building at Theerthapura village of Chikkanayakahalli taluk for already sanctioned PHC, Construction of New Sub Center building at Somanahalli, Theerthapura (Theerthahalli) and Chikkabidare villages, Renovation of Taluk General Hospital, Chikkanayakahalli and provision of Supernumerary medical officer.	10.80	0.27
3	Consultancy Services for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** for the work of Strengthening of selected Government Hospitals in **Chitradurga Taluk** through various rejuvenation facilities.	3.30	0.083
4	Consultancy Services for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** for the works of Strengthening of selected Government Hospitals in **Holalkere Taluk** through various rejuvenation facilities.	4.30	0.11
5	Consultancy Services for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** for the works of Strengthening of selected Government Hospitals in **Hosadurga Taluk** through various rejuvenation facilities.	3.40	0.085
6	Consultancy Services for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** for the works of Strengthening of selected Government Hospitals in **Molakalmuru Taluk** through various rejuvenation facilities.	2.00	0.05
7	Consultancy Services for Preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other services Drawings** for the works of (1) Construction of civil works, Human Resources for Strengthening of existing district Hospital, Ballari (HR for 2 years) (2) Strengthening of existing district Hospital, Ballari and Upgradation of District Hospital from 300 to 400 Bedded Hospital with necessary Equipment and human resources as per IPHS standards for 2 years.	39.38	0.79
8	Providing Consultancy Services for preparation of **DPR, Architectural, Structural and other Services and Drawings** for the works of Construction/ Improvements of District Hospital in **Davanagere** in Davanagere District.	165.00	2.50

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **16.08.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **18.08.2025 at 16.01 hrs.**
The tender details can be downloaded from the KPP Portal Platform **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the KPP Portal Platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: 1. All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids /individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru

‘Quantum tech has the power to transcend metro boundaries in State’

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Stalls exhibited Quantum science experiments during the first edition of Quantum India Bengaluru-2025 in Bengaluru on Thursday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Karnataka’s Quantum computing push is not just about Bengaluru, but about anchoring quantum-led innovation across emerging tech clusters in Mysuru, Mangaluru, and Hubballi, as the technology has the power to transcend metro boundaries to unlock entrepreneurship, advanced R&D, and high-value employment across the State, said Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, CEO, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM).

He was speaking at the Quantum India Bengaluru (QIB) 2025, held over two days to highlight Karnataka’s growing leadership in quantum science and technology. The State would soon have the most comprehensive quantum ecosystem, anticipated by many experts who spoke at the event on Friday.

The summit featured 24 multi-track sessions across five thematic streams, from Finance to Arts. It also had participation from over 20 academic institutions, deep-tech startups, and research labs. Diverse speakers highlighted the importance of large-scale reskilling initiatives to support translational deep-tech growth across quantum computing, communication, and sensing (mostly in healthcare and surveillance) to develop India’s own quantum technologies.

A poster showcase featured more than 41 research posters from scholars and doctoral researchers, providing diverse perspectives in areas such as quantum algorithms, hardware, and cryptography.

Winners of the poster awards who each received a prize of ₹20,000, included Shuvarati Roy, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune; Kanad Sengupta, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru; Ayan Majumder, Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay; Purna Pal, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.

It event was jointly organised by the Karnataka Science and Technology Promotion Society (KSTePS) and the Department of Science and Technology, State Government, in collaboration with the IISc Quantum Technology Initiative (IQTI), in alignment with the National Quantum Mission.

Discover, invent and then make in India: Nobel laureate David Gross

He expresses dissatisfaction with the govt. spending in R&D and points out that it is way lower than the global average

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

David Gross, co-recipient of 2004 Nobel Prize in Physics, speaking at the first edition of Quantum India Bengaluru Summit 2025 in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

For ‘Make in India’ to become a success, India should “first discover, then invent and then make,” said David Gross, American theoretical physicist and co-recipient of 2004 Nobel Prize in Physics.

Delivering the keynote address at the second day of Quantum India Bengaluru 2025, he said, “To compete with better and cheaper goods from abroad, one has to first have new technology based on science.”

Recollecting the ‘Make in India’ slogan that he came across nine years ago while attending the Indian Science Congress in Mysuru he said, “You have to invent in India, but you can’t just invent by relying on science done elsewhere. So, I think the correct slogan is discover, then invent, and then make.” Mr. Gross, who helped establish the International Centre for Theoretical Sciences in Bengaluru, expressed hope in the country’s future and acknowledged the contributions of Indian scientists and technicians to scientific, technological developments.

However, he expressed dissatisfaction with the government spending in research and development (R&D). “India’s growth expenditure and R&D has more than doubled since that last 10 years. But as a percentage of the GDP, which has increased much more rapidly, gross spending on R&D remains at an incredibly low level of 0.64%,” he said, pointing out that it is significantly lower than the global average. “We’re lagging behind countries like China by a factor of 4, the U.S. by over a factor of 5, countries like Israel by almost a factor of 10. I don’t understand why this has been happening in the last 10 years. There are many reforms that have been initiated but many have not. But this is the overriding number in my opinion,” Mr. Gross criticised.

Suggestion

If the Central government was unwilling to increase the R&D spending, Mr. Gross suggested that State governments like Karnataka, and industries and individual scientists must step up.

Commenting that it was impressive of the Karnataka government and the scientists of the State to engage in quantum science initiatives, he said, “Discover, invent, and make in Bengaluru.”

From Page One

Metro’s Yellow line gets safety clearance

The review covered all aspects of safety and readiness, including power supply systems, signalling, tracks and viaducts, curves, fire safety measures, passenger information systems, and amenities at the metro stations.

While a formal date for the line’s inauguration has not yet been finalised, BMRCL is working towards an August 15 launch. “We have informed both the State and Central governments about receiving safety clearance, as per protocol,” another official said. Regarding reports that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to attend the inauguration, an official said it is subject to his schedule. However, there is no official confirmation of his participation yet.

Initially, limited services are expected, with three driverless trains operating at a 20-minute frequency. BMRCL plans to gradually scale up to full-fledged operations with peak hour frequencies of five minutes or less by March 2026.

The Yellow Line passes through several high-density areas, including Central Silk Board, HSR Layout, and Electronics City, making it a vital corridor for commuters and tech workers in the city. The line was originally scheduled to open in 2021, but missed multiple deadlines, the most recent being a revised target of June 2024.

Delays were primarily due to complications in procuring rolling stock. In 2019, BMRCL awarded a ₹1,578-crore contract to Chinese firm CRRC to supply 216 coaches and set up a manufacturing unit in India. However, CRRC failed to meet contractual obligations, severely hampering the project’s timeline. This led BMRCL to issue several warnings and explore invoking a ₹372-crore bank guarantee. To revive progress, CRRC partnered with Kolkata-based Titagarh Rail Systems Limited. So far, BMRCL has received three train sets for the Yellow Line.

Dereliction of responsibility: 3 BBMP staff relieved from duties

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Three staff members of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), working in the Mahalakshmipuram subdivision of the West Zone, have been relieved from their duties due to dereliction of responsibilities.

The officials are Babu, junior health inspector, and Santosh and Chandana B.S., assistant engineers, Water Resources Department.

The officials were instructed to upload ward-level complaints on the Sahaaya 2.0 platform and take necessary action to resolve them.

“Despite clear instructions in the July 14th proceedings that failure to register and resolve ward-level complaints on the Sahaaya 2.0 platform would be treated as non-compliance with official directives, the officials concerned failed to take any appropriate action,” the civic body said in a release on Friday.

Govt. of Bihar

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SECTION - I: NOTICE INVITING TEDER (NIT)

Selection of Agency for Preparation of Comprehensive City Revitalization Plans including Central Business Districts (CBDs) & Historic Core for Sitamarhi

File No:- 09/न०वि०मा०प्ला०–23/2024

1. Urban Development & Housing Department, Gov. of Bihar, invites proposals from eligible firms to select a consultant for Preparation of Comprehensive City Revitalization Plans including Central Business Districts (CBDs) & Historic Core for Sitamarhi.
2. Interested Consultancy Firms may download the complete Request for Proposals (RFP) Document, from website: https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in or https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban.

SN	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1	Website for submission of proposal	www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/
2	Mode of Submission	Online submission through eproc2 portal (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) and at the same time submission of Hard copies of Tender fee, Bid Security, payment proof, original copy of affidavit, declaration regarding Blacklisting and Power of Attorney as per RFP document at UD&HD office at Vikas Bhawan Patna
3	Last date and time for Submission of Technical Proposal on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in	25-08 -2025 up to 05:00 PM
4	Date and time of Pre bid meeting	12-08-2025 by 11:30AM Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, 1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna – 800015
5	Last date and time for Submission of Hard Copies (Tender fee, payment proof, original copy of affidavit, Blacklisting and Power of Attorney as per RFP document)	27-08-2025 up to 03:00 PM Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar,1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna – 800015
6	Date and time of opening of Technical Bids	27-08-2025 at 03:30 PM
7	Date and time of opening of Financial Bids	Will be intimated later to successful bidders
8	Method of Selection	QCBS method of evaluation (weightage 70:30)

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

Additional Secretary
Urban Development and Housing Department

PR. No. 010385 (URBAN) 25-26

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Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM)

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RFP No: BSDM/WCDC/123/2025-01 **Notice Inviting Request for Proposal**

Secretary, Dept. of Labour Resources, Govt. of Bihar- cum- CEO, Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM), invites proposals (Single Bid System) from reputed and experienced organizations **to implement employment linked Domain Skill Development Program under Women & Child Development Corporation (WCDC), Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Bihar under the overall framework of Bihar Skill Development Mission. Training partners those have placement opportunities available through verifiable placement tie-ups can only apply under this RFP.**

Kindly note that the empanelment/selection of agencies under this RFP will not guarantee allocation of work and BSDM will assume no liability or cost towards it. BSDM makes no commitments, express or implied, that this process will result in a business transaction between anyone.

Document Fee and Tender Processing Fee: All Applicants must pay a non-refundable Document Fee of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) and Tender Processing Fee of Rs. 590.00 (Five Hundred Ninety only) through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card) on E-Proc Portal.

[Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): An EMD of Rs. 50,000/- (Fifty Thousand) only, **through e-payment mode** (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card) on E-Proc Portal, before the last date/time for submission/ uploading of proposal, failing which the bid will be rejected. This EMD will be non-interest bearing and refundable. If the selected agencies fail to submit the requisite performance guarantee or to execute the agreement, this EMD will be forfeited.

The Proposal has to be submitted through online mode on https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and can be searched by clicking the Tab “Tender” on home page of above website and then going to Latest Tender by searching Department Name as “Labour Resources Department”.

The application procedure, eligibility criteria, evaluation methodology, terms and conditions and the scope of work are detailed in the RFP document which can be seen or downloaded from the “e-Procurement Portal https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and departmental Website: http://www.skillmissionbihar.org. The RFP will be **available to download** from the above websites **from Date- 01/08/2025** The last date for uploading of proposal will be **Date 25/08/2025 days up to 15.00 Hrs.** Proposal will be opened on or after **Date- 25/08/2025 Days post 16:00 Hrs. The Evaluation of proposals will be made as per criteria laid down in RFP.** Please refer RFP document for complete details.

Post selection and as and when required, the successful applicants will be intimated to register each training center as a Skill Development Center (SDC) on the BSDM portal or other specified portal, if required (to be intimated later post shortlisting) by following due online registration processes and terms and conditions as specified and modified time to time by BSDM. The BSDM portal (as will be applicable) will cover the entire value chain of skill development value chain right from registration of centers to candidates, batch formation, attendance management, monitoring, assessment & certification etc. along with registration of selected training partners.

BSDM reserves the right to issue addendum/corrigendum/modification or to amend any or all conditions of this RFP Document or to accept or reject any or all proposal(s) or to cancel the whole of this RFP at any stage without assigning any reason thereof and no applicants/bidders shall have any cause of action or claim against the BSDM for the same.

Mission Director,
Bihar Skill Development Mission,
Department of Labour Resources, Govt. of Bihar

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**
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Section - I: Notice Inviting Teder (NIT)

Selection of Agency for the Preparation of Concept plan for Theme-based Greenfield City - Sitamarhi.

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Empanelment for Manufacturer of Water Treatment Unit

File No:- 09/न०वि०मा०प्ला०–23/2024/ **8457**

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8	Method of Selection	QCBS method of evaluation (weightage 70:30)

1. Agencies/ Firms may download the complete Request for Proposal (RFP) Document, from website: https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in or https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban.

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**
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Additional Secretary
Urban Development and Housing Department

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Section - I: Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)

Selection of Agency for Preparation of Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Kankarbagh & Pataliputra areas in Patna

File No:- 09/न०वि०मा०प्ला०–23/2024 **.8458.....**

1. Urban Development & Housing Department, Gov. of Bihar, invites proposals from eligible firms to select a consultant for Preparation of Neighbourhood Improvement Plan for Kankarbagh & Pataliputra areas in Patna.
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8	Method of Selection	QCBS method of evaluation (weightage 70:30)

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Additional Secretary
Urban Development and Housing Department

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गर्भावस्था की पहली तिमाही में माँ की एच.आई.वी. और सिफलिस की जाँच जरूर करायें।

Karnataka Public Work Department
(A Government of KarnatakaEnterprises) O/O Executive Engineer PWD Division, Hosapete, Dist:-Vijayanagara

No:EE/PWD/Dn/Hosapete/TND/AE-1/2025-26/1563 **Date:-29.07.2025**

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited by undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara Dist, for the works notified in the statement below. The bid shall be in One or Two Cover system namely technical bid and financial bid through KPP Portal, following the link https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)
	THIS WORK IS RESERVED FOR SC CATOGERY	
1	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT18063/CALL-2	50.00
	THIS WORK IS RESERVED FOR CAT-2A CATOGERY	
2	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT21863/CALL-2	70.00
	General Works	
3	PWD/2025-26/IND0103	32.00
4	PWD/2025-26/IND0134	8.00
5	PWD/2025-26/IND0136	128.00
6	PWD/2025-26/IND0135	72.00
7	PWD/2025-26/IND0137	144.00
8	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT22232	36.00

1.Quarries of Tender On: **As Per kppp Portal.** 2.Last Date of Tender Submission On: **11.08.2025@ 16.00 Hours.** 3.Tender Opening date On: **12.08.2025@ 16.30 Hours.** 4.Financial Bid Opening Date: **As Per kppp Portal.**

Note: Any Changes Either in Tender date or any other condition , Tenderers can view in kppp Portal and Will not be published in News Paper.

DIPR/Vijayanagar/2025-26/ KSMCA/RO No/176

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara District.

First round of provisional seat allotment results announced

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has announced the provisional results of the first round of seat allotment through the Undergraduate Common Entrance Test (UGCET or KCET) and NEET-UG for various professional courses, including engineering, medical, dental, and others.

If there are any objections to the result, they can be submitted to KEA via email by Saturday, 11 a.m. After reviewing the objections, the final seat allotment results will be published, according to a release issued by KEA executive director H. Prasanna.

Candidates must mandatorily exercise their choice entry to indicate whether they are satisfied with their allotted seat. Failure to do so will result in them being disqualified from participating in future rounds, and they will be removed from the entire seat allotment process. Candidates who are fully satisfied with their allotted course/college and wish to take admission must select Choice-1. If they are okay with the current allotment but are hopeful for a better college/course in the next round, they should select Choice-2. If the allotted course/college is not acceptable, they can select Choice-3. These candidates will be considered in the second round for all other preferences except the one they have rejected. If the candidate wants to exit the KEA seat allotment process entirely, they can select Choice-4.

Once candidates select Choice-1 or Choice-2, no changes will be allowed. However, those who select Choice-3 or Choice-4 will now be allowed to re-enter the system and opt for Choice-1 or Choice-2, before the last date he added.

Chemists' body seeks action against start-ups over unauthorised tampering of medicine strips

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a letter dated July 30, the BDCDA claimed that such actions are in contravention of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and Rules, 1945. PHOTO FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE

The Bangalore District Chemists and Druggists Association (BDCDA) has written to the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) demanding immediate regulatory action against two health-tech start-ups, who are engaged in alleged unauthorised tampering and repacking of statutory medicine strips.

In a letter dated July 30, the BDCDA claimed that such actions are in contravention of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and Rules, 1945.

"Such tampering and repacking of medicine strips threaten patient safety, undermine ethical pharmacy practices, and erode confidence in the regulatory framework," the letter stated.

Pointing out that the All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists (AIOCD) has already taken up the issue of one such startup at the national level, the BDCDA has said that tampering with statutory packaging, unlawfully repacking medicines, and disregarding essential stability and labelling norms by the two health-tech companies put public health at risk.

Specific violations

Highlighting specific violations under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and Rules, 1945, BDCDA president B. Thirunavukkarasu told *The Hindu* that such actions amounted to willful destruction or removal of statutory labels, batch numbers, expiry dates, MRP, and mandatory warnings - effectively stripping medicines of their legally required safeguards, and thereby endangering consumer safety under Rule 96 and Rule 97 of the Act.

Compromising the stability, potency, and therapeutic efficacy of medicines by exposing them to contamination and temperature variations through improper handling, storage, and repackaging practices amounted to violation of Schedule P1, he said.

GMP, GSP violations

"Carrying out repacking in unlicensed, non-compliant, and uncontrolled environments grossly violates the principles of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Good Storage Practices (GSP) mandated under the law.

Besides, misrepresenting these unlawful and unethical acts as 'tech-enabled innovations', or 'patient-friendly services' mislead consumers and erode the credibility of India's ethical pharmacy community," he said.

Online sale

Apart from all these violations, the sale of medicines through online platforms continues unchecked, lacking any legal authorisation or structured regulatory mechanism, Mr. Thirunavukkarasu added.

GST, UPI awareness campaign

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

MBA students from Christ University, Bengaluru, conducted a GST and UPI awareness campaign on July 29 and 30, across Hulimavu, Arekere, BTS Layout, Doddakammanahalli, and K.R. Market.

The initiative aimed to educate local vendors and residents on the importance of formal taxation and digital financial tools. Through door-to-door visits and group sessions, students demonstrated UPI usage, explained GST filing processes, and addressed concerns about fraud and compliance.The campaign fostered financial literacy, digital transactions, and empowered informal sector participants. It provided students with real-world exposure.

Timings
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SATURDAY, AUG. 02	
RISE 06:05	SET 18:46
RISE 12:57	SET 00:00
SUNDAY, AUG. 03	
RISE 06:06	SET 18:46
RISE 13:48	SET 00:33
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RISE 06:06	SET 18:45
RISE 14:41	SET 01:19

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Tumakuru	31	24
Mysuru	28	20
Bengaluru	28	21

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28°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Short spell of light rain and thundershower may occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be comfortable. Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

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BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Reg. Office: 30/1, 1st and 2nd Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Millers Tank Bund Area, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru- 560051

No:BSWML/DGM-3/PR/278/2025-26 **Date: 01.08.2025**

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited, invites Expression of Interest from SHG Members registered under Day-NULM programme to implement IEC activities in full time for the duration of 3 years in 27 divisions of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for the work of adequate Solid Waste Management under Swacha Bharatha Abhiyana 2.0 managed by the Central Government Housing and Urban Ministry. Interested SHG Members who have registered under Day-NULM may submit their Expression of Interests on or before 20.08.2025 at 5:00 pm through available prescribed format in the website: https://www.bbmp.gov.in to the office of the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management, #30/1, 3rd Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Millers Tank Bund Area, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru-560051. The terms of reference (TOR), Template for Submission of TOR, Endorsement Form and other details are available in https://www.bbmp.gov.in.

The interested SHG shall attach 1) Identification Proof, 2) Address Proof, 3) Documents registered in eligible list (Empanelled) 4) Educational Qualification & 5) Day-NULM Endorsement/form of certification along with the application. The interview will be conducted for selected candidates to decide their Skill and subject matter.

Particulars	Eligibility to submit the application
COMMUNITY MOBILIZER	1) Mandate Passed out in SSLC/Class 10. Priority will be given for the hardworkers along with mandate kannada language knowledge. 2) The applicant shall be member in Self Help Groups (SHG) registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Day-NULM. 3) The applicant must have the knowledge of MS Office and MS Excel computer literacy along with Kannada and English. 4) The priority will be given for the applicants who have I.E.C field experience or who have worked in communication programme conducted by Urban Local Organizations or Gram Panchayath in Karnataka. 5) The priority will be given for local candidates who lived in relevant ward jurisdiction.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-3,
BSWML

DIPR/CP/2155/CCL/2025-26

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NO:CMC/EE/15thfinance commission/02/2025-26
Date : 01-08-2025

-:Expression of Interest:-

The Municipal commissioner, City Municipal Council, Arsikere invites Expression of Interest from eligible tenderers, manufacturers, authorized dealers for the supply of the following equipments listed below required for solid waste management site limit in City Municipal Council, Arsikere, Hassan District:interested may submit their detailed proposal with recent models and technologies available with complete technical specifications and prices applicable. Sl. No.1)Particulars: Supply and installation of 80 KW capacity On-Grid Solar power plant and maintenance for 5 years DMA/2025-26/PREQUAL_TENDER_NUMBER_178 Fund:15th finance 1. Further details can be obtained from the website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and from the office of Municipal commissioner, City Municipal Council, Arsikere or Assistant Executive Engineer, City Municipal Council.

sd/-President, City Municipal Council, Arsikere
sd/- Municipal Commisioner, City Municipal Council, Arsikere

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client proposes to purchase agricultural lands described in Item No. 1 the schedule property herein from one Sri. Laxmana Gowda, S/o. Late Basavegowda residing at Basavalinganadoddi Village, Athagoor Hobli, Madduru Taluk and its agreement holders Smt. Shoba.S. W/o. Boralingaiah, r/o Hanumanthapura Village, Athagoor Hobli, Maddur Taluk and Smt. Annapoorna.N., W/o. Raveendra Kumar.K.N. r/o. No. 387, General Cariappa Road, Teachers Colony, Maddur Town, and the Item No. 2 of the Schedule Property from Sri. Vasudeva, S/o. Late Siddaiah r/o. Mallanaikanahalli, Athagoor Hobli, Maddur taluk and the said Annapoorna.N. who claim to be the owners of the respective lands. Persons objecting for the proposed sale or having any right or claim on the scheduled properties may lodge their objections/ claim with the undersigned along with the supporting documentary evidences within fifteen days from the date of this publication and objections and / claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed further in the matter as if there are no claimants/ objections on the Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE

Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing survey no. 243 R.S./3 (Old No. 573) situated at Kestoor Village, Athagooru Hobli, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District measuring 2 Acre 13.50.20 Guntas together with all the rights, appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above surface and bounded on: **EAST by:** Land belongs to Ramanna S/o. Adaganahalli Putte Gowda; **WEST by:** Land belongs to Madaiah, S/o. Adaganahalli Gendre Gowda; **NORTH by:** Land belongs to Ramesha, S/o. Adaganahalli Mudde Gowda; **SOUTH by:** Kestoor pond, small canal and next is land belongs to Adaganahalli Raveendra

Item No. 2: All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing survey no. 242 R.S./3 (being part of earlier Sy. No. 242R.S.1, Old Sy. No. 571) situated at Kestoor Village, Athagooru Hobli, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District measuring 4 Guntas together with all the rights, appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above surface and bounded on: **EAST by:** Land bearing Sy. No. 241 RS4 of Ramegowda; **WEST by:** Land bearing Sy. No. 242S.R./1 belongs to Ramesha; **NORTH by:** Road, **SOUTH by:** Land bearing Sy. No. 243R.S./3 belongs to Laxmana Gowda.

P. E. UMESH, Advocate.
Flat No. D1, Ground Floor, "Shree Balaji Enclave", 13th Cross, Jayanagar, 2nd Block, Bengaluru – 560 011; Ph: (M) 88808 99499

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD Ramanagara Division, Bengaluru South Dist.

Short Term Re-Tender Notification No.: 06/25-26 Date: 01-08-2025

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Short Term Re-Tenders invited from qualified contractors for the works through E-procurement Portal as per the **Standard Bid Documents.** The eligible Contractors can participate in this tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Documents may be Downloaded from : 01-08-2025, Last Date for Submission of Tender : 15-08-2025 upto 16.00 hours, Date of Opening of Technical Bid : 16-08-2025 at 16.30 hours. (If possible) Tender Processing Fees and E.M.D. as per K.P.P. Portal, No. of Works 01, Estimate Cost Work Rs. 800.00 Lakhs.

For more information contact the above Office during Office Hours.
Note : Here after any changes with reference to this Notification will be Notified in **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal Only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD, Ramanagara Division,
Bengaluru South Dist.

DIPR/Ramanagar/272/Manipal/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I KARNATAKA
4th FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJ BHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU-560001

FORM NO. 14
(See Regulation 33(2))By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which byPublication.

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO. 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 as amended

RC/509/2024 **13-02-2025**
Canara Bank,
Versus
SRI. PRASANNA K.

In the Matter of:
(CH-1) CANARA BANK
RETAIL ASSET HUB RAJAJINAGAR,
No.38 And 39, 5th Cross Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru Karnataka-560003.
Versus **APPLICANT(S)**

To, (CD-1) SRI.PRASANNA K S/O SRI KRISHNAMURTHY GOWDA,
No.98/b, 2nd Cross, 2d Main,soundarya Layout,
Siddedahalli Bengaluru Karnataka-560073.

Sr. no	CH Name	Int Type/Mode	Int Rate	Effective Date	Order Date	Amount	Interest as on Order Date	RC Amount	Remark
1.	Canara Bank	Compound Interest (Monthly)	9.05	27/07/2020	15/11/2023	4667938	0	4667938	Rate of interest is as mentioned plus 2% penal interest

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the, Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT in OA/734/2020 an amount of Rs.4667938.00 (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousands Nine Hundred Thirty Eight Only) along with cost, expenses and future interest @9.05%pa Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. 27/07/2020 till realization and costs of Rs.115884.00 (Rupees One Lakh Fifteen Thousands Eight Hundred Eighty Four Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

Sr. no	CH Name	Int Type/Mode	Int Rate	Effective Date	Order Date	Amount	Liability Type	Interest as on Order Date	RC Amount	Remark
1.	Sri. Prasanna K	Compound Interest (Monthly)	9.05	27/07/2020	15/11/2023	4667938	Fully	Interest as on Order Date	4667938	Rate of interest is as mentioned plus 2% penal interest

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Dehts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 30/04/2025 at 10:30 am. for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, changes and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on on this date **11/02/2025**

(SANJIV KUMAR)
RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBTES RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU

COPY TO :
CANARA BANK
RETAIL ASSET HUB RAJAJINAGAR,
No 38 And 39,5th Cross Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru Karnataka-560003.
You are directed that the payment made, if any, by the Certificate Debitor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the Certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the payment position regularly. The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the verification of the Recovery Officer. You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars wherefrom the recovery of the debt is to be made.

PUBLIC NOTICE
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka has accorded Environmental Clearance for the project for the Construction of Residential Row Villas with Civic Amenities by M/s. Max Global Developers at Sy. Nos.94/2A, 95/2, 95/5 (Old Sy No. 95/2), 95/6 (Old Sy No. 95/2), 95/7 & 95/8 (Old Sy No. 95/1), of Mahal Chowdadenehalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District vide EC No: EC25C3801KA5216164N and File No.:SEIAA 165CON 2025 dated 24.07.2025 under the provision of EIA Notification, 14th September 2006.
Copy of the Clearance Letter is available with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and may also be seen at website of the PARIVESH portal.

(Authorized Signatory)
Mr. R.S. Vinay Kumar Reddy

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ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
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ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
ಸಂ:09/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.07.2025

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್ ರವರಿಂದ ಈ ವಿಭಾಗದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ನಂ–1ನೇ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 04 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–2 ಮತ್ತು 4ರ ಷರತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ವಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ನಿಯಮ 2000 ರಂತೆ ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ (viz https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/) ದಿ:30.07.2025 ರಿಂದ 07.08.2025ರ ಸಂಜೆ 17:00ರ ವರೆಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಕನಿಷ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.20.25 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ರೂ.0.41 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಗರಿಷ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.325.14 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ರೂ.4.88 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ರೂ.100.00 ಲಕ್ಷ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ 2 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ದಿ: 04.08.2025 ರಂದು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ 11.00 ಕ್ಕೆ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಬೇಕಾದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಅಥವಾ ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡುಗಳಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟ್‌ಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
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DIPR/DDMYS/745/KSMCA/420/2025-26

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West
Bengaluru - 560 020

No: BDA/Commr/Ds-1/Stat/e-125634/2025-26 **Dated:** 01-08-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bangalore Development Authority invites proposals to provide Stationery, Furniture's and Printing items from eligible service providers under two cover system.

1	RFP Reference No.	BDA/2025-26/IND0001
2	Date of Commencement of Download of RFP Document from e-procurement website	**31-07-2025 onwards**
3	Last Date and Time of uploading online Queries in Karnataka Public Procurement portal	**05-08-2025 5.00 PM**
4	Last Date and Time of uploading of RFP in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	**16-08-2025 upto 5.00 pm**
5	Date and Time of Online Opening of RFP Application	**18-08-2025, 11.00 AM**
6	Place of Opening of RFP	Online at Karnataka Procurement Public portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
7	Address of Communication	**Office of Deputy Secretary-1**, Bangalore Development Authority, T.Chowdaiah Road,Kumarapark West, Bangalore - 560020. Mobile: 9739279799

For more details please visit Karnataka Public Procurement portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** or Contact at Office Deputy Secretary-1, Bangalore Development Authority, T.Chowdaiad Road, Kumarapark West, Bangalore - 560020.

Sd/- Deputy Secretary-1, BDA, Bengaluru

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD
Divisional Office, No.6, 2nd Floor,
Sajjan Rao Circle, V V Puram, Bangalore-560004

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Issued Under Rule 8(1) Of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED** under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **30.05.2025** and further Substitute Demand Notice dated **04.06.2025** calling upon the **Borrower (1) Eshwar R Madawal,** No.15, Vinayakanagara, Lingadheeranahalli, Bangalore, Water Tank, Andrahalli Main Road, Bangalore-560091. **(2) Ramappa Madawal (Guarantor)** 119, 4th Main, 4th Cross, 12th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072., to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 83,36,749.65 (Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Nine and Paisa Sixty Five Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Even though the borrower having failed to repay the amount, the account is left with a balance of **Rs.84,77,039.65/- (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Thirty Nine and Paisa Sixty Five only)** as on **30.07.2025.** The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **1st day of August of the year 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LIMITED** for an amount of **Rs. 84,77,039.65/- (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Thirty Nine and Paisa Sixty Five only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of residential house bearing No. 32 (earlier having Khaneshumari No. 32, Assessment No.9, Lingadhiranahalli Gramatana, Herohalli Gramapanchayat, Yeshwantpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), presently coming under BBMP limits, having BBMP khata bearing No 194/9/32, Herohalli Ward, Lingadhiranahalli, Bangalore measuring East to West 30ft and North to South 40ft admeasuring 1200sqft along with the building measuring 886sq ft in the Ground Floor, 500sq ft on the First floor and 144 sq ft in the Third Floor having mosaic flooring, Forest Wood for doors and windows and the same is bounded on: East By: Site No 33, West By : 30ft Road, North By : 30 ft Road, South By : Site No. 18.

Date : 01.08.2025 **Sd/- Chief Manager / Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **The Karur Vysya Bank Limited**

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Judgment in Prajwal case has boosted the morale of survivors, say activists

'The verdict has shown that law is the same for all and when implemented with the same spirit, justice is possible'

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN/BENGALURU

The conviction of former Janata Dal (Secular) Member of Parliament Prajwal Revanna in a rape case on Friday seems to have provided some relief to survivors and boosted their morale, even as they continue to face stigma.

The completion of the investigation and trial in the case in a year and three months after the scandal broke is not something many seem to have expected. An activist termed this as a "true David vs Goliath fight" to be remembered for times to come. Actors Ramya and Prakash Raj have also welcomed the judgment.

Writer and activist Rupa Hassan, one of those behind organising protests in Hassan demanding arrest of the accused and fair probe into the case, said the verdict came as a 'relief'.

"The judgment has rekindled our faith in the system. I am happy that the entire process, including investigation, chargesheeting, trial and judgment was completed in a short period," she said, adding one of the survivors called her after the conviction and said this had "boosted her morale" and she hoped Prajwal would get the maximum punishment possible.

Activist K.S. Vimala, of Janawadi Mahila Sanghatane, recalled that a year ago many survivors they tried to counsel to lodge a complaint asked her if she was sure that Prajwal Revanna would be punished. "Going by our past experience, we had no words to assure them that he would definitely be punished. But today's judgment has changed that. It has shown law is the same for all and when implemented with the same spirit, justice is possible," she said, lauding the efforts of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) officials and Special Public Prosecutors in the case.

In its statement issued on Friday, the Janawadi Mahila Sanghatane termed the conviction a victory to all those who fought for justice against the impunity accorded by "power, wealth, land and caste". The organisation lauded the victims who came forward and lodged complaints and witnesses who withstood immense pressure and testified during the trial. "We demand that the State government suitably rehabilitate the victims in this case. Moreover, the punishment to the convict in this case should be exemplary. This will give courage to more survivors of sexual assault to fight for justice," it said.

H. R. Naveen Kumar, district secretary of CPI(M) in Hassan, said, "The judgment is a lesson to the patriarchal society that treats women as mere objects."

Meanwhile, Ms. Rupa Hassan said that the survivors of the scandal were worried about the delay in filing the charge sheet in the case related to the leak of the explicit video clips. "The survivors have not been able to come out of the trauma created following the leak of the videos. The video clips and photos were circulated widely on different platforms, leaving the survivors in shock," she said.

The road to conviction

2021 The victim, a 48-year-old former help at Revanna's farmhouse, raped twice — once in Revanna's family home in Hassan and another time in their family home at Basavanagudi, Bengaluru. Prajwal Revanna recorded the video of the abuse and threatened to send it to her son if she told anyone

April 22, 2024 Hundreds of explicit clips of several women with a man, said to be Prajwal Revanna, though his face was not visible, leaked. Pen drives containing these clips were strewn on roads and several public places of Hassan town

April 28, 2024 A Special Investigation Team,led by ADGP, CID, B.K. Singh, formed to probe the alleged crimes of Prajwal Revanna

April 29, 2024 The victim was allegedly abducted from her house at the behest of H.D. Revanna and Bhavani Revanna

May 2, 2024 The victim's son lodges complaint with K.R. Nagar police alleging his mother was abducted. FIR registered against H.D. Revanna

May 4, 2024 Victim rescued from a farmhouse, where she was allegedly kept forcibly, in K.R. Nagar, Mysuru. H.D. Revanna arrested from H.D. Deve Gowda's residence after his anticipatory bail was rejected

May 8, 2024 FIR registered against Prajwal Revanna for rape based on the statement of the victim

May 31, 2024 Prajwal Revanna returns from Germany, where he had fled to after the scandal broke out, and was arrested from the Kempegowda International Airport by an all-woman team.

September 8, 2024 SIT files chargesheet

December 31, 2024 The Special Court of Sessions for criminal cases against former and present MPs and MLAs frames charges against Prajwal Revanna

May 2, 2025 The court begins trial in the case

July 18, 2025 Trial concludes

August 1, 2025 Prajwal Revanna convicted

Investigation team to seek RI for life for Prajwal Revanna

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) is set to appeal for rigorous imprisonment for the remainder of the convict's natural life, during the hearing on quantum of punishment for Prajwal Revanna on Saturday.

Special Public Prosecutor Jagadeesha said that the court has convicted Prajwal Revanna on all charges framed against him.

He was charged under Sections 376(2)(k) (being in a position of control or dominance over a woman, commits rape on such woman), 376(2)(n) (repeated rape on the same woman) 354A (sexual harassment), 354B (assault or use of criminal force to woman with intent to disrobe), 354C (voyeurism), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 201 (disappearance of evidence) of the Indian Penal Code and 66E (violation of privacy) of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

A person convicted under Section 376(2) of the IPC "shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than 10 years, but which may extend to imprisonment for life, which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person's natural life," the IPC reads.

Sources said given that Prajwal Revanna has been convicted under Section 376 (2) of the IPC, he is likely to get a sentence of at least 10 years.

'Govt. monitoring social media posts on Dharmasthala'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

We will keep a watch on posts that may wrongly impact society
G. PARAMESHWARA
Home Minister

Home Minister G. Parameshwara on Friday said the State government was keeping a close watch on social media platforms for posts related to alleged mass burial in Dharmasthala, and warned of action against those that could in any way incite people.

Dr. Parameshwara held a meeting with senior police officials and Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh and took stock of the work done by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in Dharmasthala. The State government has formed an SIT to look into the claims of alleged mass murder, rape, and mass burials in Dharmasthala over the past two decades.

The claims were made by an anonymous former sanitation worker, who said he was forced to bury several bodies, including those of women and minors, in Dharmasthala, between 1995 and 2014.

Speaking to reporters, the Home Minister said, "We will keep a watch on posts that may wrongly impact society." He cited past actions against communal posts in Dakshina Kannada district.

Meanwhile, Pronab Mohanty, SIT chief heading the probe in the Dharmasthala case, met the Home Minister at his residence on Friday, amid speculation that he may be replaced, after his name appeared on the list of Director-General-rank officers being considered for positions in the Union government.

The Minister noted that the decision to relieve Mr. Mohanty of his State duties for a Central government position rests with the Karnataka government, which would respond if there is any official request from the Centre.

DG-IGP M.A. Saleem called on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and reportedly briefed about SIT's work in Dharmasthala.

A file photo of ASHA workers staging a protest in Bengaluru.

ASHA workers to launch 3-day protest

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Demanding a fixed honorarium of ₹10,000 as promised by the State government, ASHA workers in Karnataka have threatened to go on a three-day State-level day and night protest from August 12.

Members of the Karnataka Rajya Samyukta ASHA Karyakartheyara Sangha, affiliated to the All-India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC), have been demanding the fixed honorarium combining the State and Central incentives together.

Addressing presspersons here on Friday, D. Nagalakshmi, State secretary of the sangha, said the State government had promised in January that all ASHAs would get a fixed honorarium of ₹10,000 from April onwards.

"A protest was held in January this year urging the government to grant a fixed monthly honorarium of ₹15,000. However, in a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, it was promised that from April 2025 onwards, a fixed honorarium of ₹10,000 will be paid every month. However, no official order has been issued in this regard so far. Hence, ASHA workers are forced to protest again," she said.

Deve Gowda says Trump's remark on Indian economy is 'volatile, uncivil, irresponsible'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Terming the recent statement of the U.S. President Donald Trump on India and Indian economy as "volatile, uncivil and irresponsible", the former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda on Friday said that India would never succumb to bullying or threats from any country.

Mr. Trump took a sharp jab at India and Russia and their economies recently, calling them "dead economies".

'Fundamentally wrong'

"Like everybody else, I too am surprised by Mr. Trump's baseless and ill-tempered remarks on India and Indian economy. I don't think modern history has seen another head of state who has been so volatile, uncivil and irresponsible," Mr. Gowda said in a statement. "Mr. Trump has not just behaved badly with India, but with every other country across the world. He has not spared his own allies. There is something fundamentally wrong with him which reason, diplomacy or statecraft cannot diagnose and address," Mr. Gowda said.

While appreciating Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "not comprising national interest", Mr. Gowda said that the nation had not blinked to Mr. Trump's bullying tactics and had shown that it would never be dictated by threat.

Mr. Gowda said, "Some Opposition leaders have rejoiced Mr. Trump's statements and have jumped to be his deluded spokespersons in India. I can understand their frustration, but they should not harm themselves and end up very soon in the dustbin of history along side Mr. Trump."

No remains found on day 4 of exhumation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) continued its attempts to exhume alleged skeletal remains of people allegedly "killed and buried" in Dharmasthala on Day 4, Friday, but ended up with no remains being recovered. The SIT dug up spots 7 and 8, of the 13 shown by the whistleblower where he claimed to have buried bodies, on Friday, but this yielded no results.

On Thursday, SIT found partial skeletal remains when they dug up spot 6, the only place they have recovered remains. Before that, digging at five spots left them empty handed.

The skeletal remains found on Thursday will first be subjected to an autopsy and later sent for forensic analysis at Forensic Science Laboratory, Madiwala, Bengaluru.

Submit status report on applications filed under Sakala: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the State government to file a status report on the applications received under the Sakala Services Act, 2011, for various services, and the number of applications pending with the authorities.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Joshi issued the direction on a petition filed by Gowrishankar S, a resident of Bengaluru. The Bench also directed the government to provide details of date of receipt of applications and time required for disposal of pending applications in the status report.

The petitioner had complained that the authorities were not implementing the provisions of the Sakala Act properly as applications were not disposed of within the time limit prescribed in the Act, which provided for guarantee of services to citizens in the State within the stipulated time limit.

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No: KBJNL/IBCD-2/PB/2025-26/225 Dated:30.07.2025

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION
INVITATION FOR PERCENTAGE TENDERS

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL IBC. Division No.2, Almel, Tq: Almel invites the **percentage e-tenders from valid Class-I & Above Electrical contractor registered in CEIG, For the work of Operation and Mentainance of sankh tank filling head works and raising main/distribution system/ including Electrical system substation & pump house system with all men and material For a period of up to March 2027 (W.I.No. 2053/Call-03)** whose Total Cost amounting to Rs: 166.76 Lakhs. The tenderers are required to submit their tenders in **two cover system** containing details of EMD and the particulars under instructions to the Tenderers vide clause-1.1.

Cost of work Rs: 166.76 Lakhs (excluding GST)
Maximum Cost of EMD Rs.2,50,000.00/-
(The blank tenders can be obtained through website www.kppp.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender box).

1] The Contractor can have access to e-tender documents from **02.08.2025** to **11.08.2025** up to 4.30 PM
2] Submission of completed e-tender document will be upto **11.08.2025** upto 4.30 PM
3] Opening of e-tender bids i.e, Cover –I (Technical bid) will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC, Divn No.2 Almel on **13.08.2025 at 11.00** AM In respect of bidders whose e-EMD has been confirmed on the e-tendering platform.
4] Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason what so ever.
5] Further information can be had from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, IBC Division No-2, Almel.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Notice is hereby given to Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner **Sri. G. RAMAKRISHNA, S/o Gundappa,** aged about **66 years,** Residing at: **Someshwara Badavane, 4th Ward, Doddaballapur Town, Bangalore rural District.**

Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in respect of said property by way of sale, inheritance, bequest, exchange, gift, possession, trust, Mortgage, lease, license, lien, charge, tenancy, lis pendency, development rights, maintenance, easement, or under any agreement of sale or Power of Attorney, option, right of first refusal or pre-emption whatsoever or otherwise howsoever, is hereby required to make the same known in writing with documentary proof thereof, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the sale transaction shall be completed without any reference to such right, title, interest, claim or demand & the same shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents & purposes. Claims without documentary proofs and/or objections directly published in Newspaper shall not be considered as Valid.

Schedule Property
All that piece and Parcel of the Agricultural Land bearing Survey No. 81/3, measuring 0-36 Guntas situated at SUNNAPPANAHALLI VILLAGE, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk and Bangalore rural District, and bounded on the; **East By** : Anjinappa@ Doddappaiah's Land. **West By:** Chrischian Church and Govt. Oni. **North By :** Road, **South By :** Private Property

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
FISHERIES AND FISHERMEN WELFARE DEPARTMENT
FISHING HARBOUR PROJECT CIRCLE, CHENNAI - 600 035.

E-TENDER FOR CONTRACT: RATE TENDER SYSTEM - LUMPSUM CONTRACT (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
E-Tender Notice No:10/DB/F.114N/2025, Dated: 29.07.2025

For and On behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, e-Tender is invited by the Chief Engineer, Fishing Harbour Project Circle, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department, Chennai from the eligible Registered Contractors of Water Resources Department and Public Works Department for **Six works through online.**
1) Tender Documents available at website upto 08.09.2025, 03.00 PM
2) The Last date for submission of tender through online at 08.09.2025, 03.00 PM
3) Date and Time of Opening of the E-Tender 09.09.2025, 03.30 PM

The tender documents, Approximate value of work, EMD details, Period of contract, Eligibility of contractor and other details will be available through online in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** and it can be downloaded at free of cost. For further details and in case of any Changes / Corrections/Amendments/ Corrigendum in the tender/tender notice will be intimated in the above website only.

Chief Engineer,
Fishing Harbour Project Circle,
Chennai-600035

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

M MANI (84), Retired Supervisor (Comp News) , The Hindu , Chennai passed away on 01-August-2025. Address: 18/39, Poes Road, Teynampet, Chennai-600018.Contact: 9841119952

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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For Her Love, Wisdom and Grace

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Alamelu Gurjale
Our dear Mother, Alamelu, breathed her last on Thursday July 24th, 2025. She was 100 yrs old
Mythreyi, Shruthi & Arun Gurjale

Governor picks 2 interim VCs amid Kerala govt.'s objection

Kerala CM says the appointments violate university laws; Minister calls it 'open challenge' to an SC order; Governor's decision likely to undermine State government's reconciliation attempts

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar reappointed Ciza Thomas and K. Sivaprasad as interim Vice-Chancellors of Digital University Kerala (DUK) and APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (KTU) on Friday.

The reappointments appear to undermine the State government's attempts to ease the growing tensions with the Governor, who, in his capacity as Chancellor of State-run universities, has been at odds with the administrative dispensation over various issues.

The appointments come in the wake of a Supreme Court judgment which, the government firmly believes, mandates that the Chancellor should consult the government before appointing V-Cs.

Mr. Vijayan flagged the appointments as a violation of the university laws in a letter sent to the Governor. He said that those appointed are not from the official panels of nominees submitted by the government.

Law Minister P. Rajeeve told the media that the move amounts to an "open challenge" to the top court's judgment. He said the government would apprise the Supreme Court of its apprehensions.

A file photo of Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar being escorted out of University of Kerala amid student protests in June. NIRMAL HARINDRAN

Raj Bhavan's stance

However, the Raj Bhavan has maintained that the reappointments comply with the court's directive and the relevant provisions of the laws governing the universities. According to the Raj Bhavan notification, the interim V-Cs will hold office for six months or until regular appointments are made.

However, this marks the second time Raj Bhavan has disregarded the government's recommendations, the first instance being when Ms. Thomas and Mr. Sivaprasad were initially appointed on November last year.

Kerala BJP chief allays concerns of church leaders

The Hindu Bureau
THRISSUR

Amid the furore over the arrest of two Keralite nuns in Chhattisgarh, BJP State president Rajeev Chandrasekhar held a closed-door meeting with Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) president and Thrissur Archbishop Mar Andrews Thazhath here on Friday morning.

According to sources, the 30-minute meeting primarily focussed on the legal matters related to the bail plea of the arrested nuns and the Union government's stance on the issue, including assurances received from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah that the nuns would be released on bail.

Nuns Preethi Mary and Vandana Francis were arrested at Durg district in Chhattisgarh on July 25 following a complaint by a local Bajrang Dal functionary who accused them of forcibly converting three girls from Narayanpur and trafficking them.

Mr. Chandrasekhar claimed that the Chhattisgarh government is not opposing the bail application. "The Prime Minister has given an assurance that the bail process will not be hindered. But don't ask me the exact day bail will be granted – there are legal procedures to follow," he added.

BJP leader Shone George has gone to Delhi to help coordinate the Church's concerns with the Centre, he said.

Four held in ₹3-crore investment scam

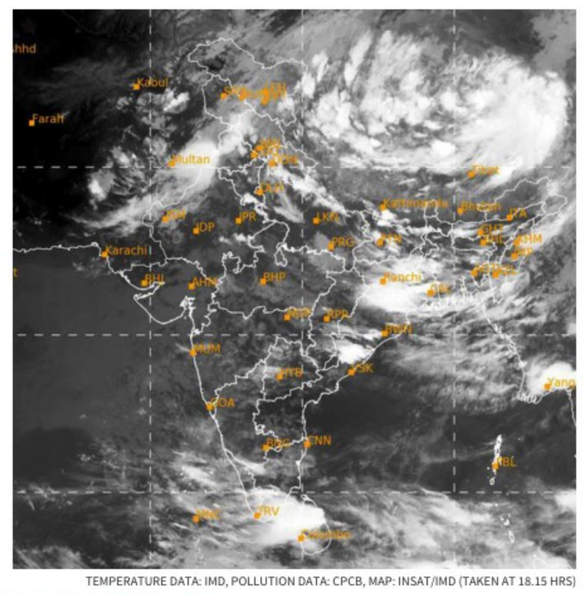
The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Four persons were arrested by the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) for their involvement in a fraudulent trade investment scheme, in which a Hyderabad-based man was duped into transferring ₹3 crore. The accused were identified as Srinivas Manubothula, 45, Syed Yousuf, 45, Chekka Yeshaya alias Shekar, 54, and Mohammed Jaber Ahmed, 42. One of them was a bank account holder, while the other three acted as agents in facilitating the fraud. The case was booked following a complaint on June 28 by a resident of North Lallaguda, who alleged that he was added to a WhatsApp group called 'SMC Global Securities', purportedly run by a woman named Anu Prita Daga and Ajay Garg, presented as the CEO of SMC Global Securities Ltd, New Delhi.

The complainant was lured into joining an investment scheme. Daga promised that funds transferred by investors would be securely credited. Encouraged to invest in an IPO for a fictitious firm named 'Influx Health Tech Ltd', the victim was told that he had been allocated shares worth ₹49 crore. After he protested, stating he did not authorise the amount, the fraudsters negotiated a revised payment of ₹3 crore. The funds were transferred to 16 bank accounts provided by Daga.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	21	32.2	26.4	Kozhikode	—	33.0	24.0
Ahmedabad	—	32.5	26.1	Kurnool	—	34.0	24.7
Aizawl	—	31.0	21.4	Lucknow	—	32.3	26.4
Allahabad	—	30.2	25.5	Madurai	—	40.5	27.1
Bengaluru	1.2	29.0	20.0	Mangaluru	11.9	29.4	23.7
Bhopal	—	30.7	23.6	Mumbai	—	31.5	26.9
Bhubaneswar	—	35.2	25.6	Mysuru	—	29.2	20.0
Chandigarh	3	31.2	25.6	New Delhi	17	33.3	24.0
Chennai	—	37.4	28.2	Patna	—	33.0	25.7
Coimbatore	—	32.8	23.2	Port Blair	—	31.2	25.7
Dehradun	3	31.1	24.2	Puducherry	—	36.7	26.5
Gangtok	1	23.5	19.0	Pune	5	31.1	23.3
Goa	—	31.1	25.5	Raipur	0.5	33.4	24.7
Guwahati	—	35.5	26.9	Ranchi	24	29.0	23.0
Hubballi	—	29.0	22.0	Shillong	0.6	25.8	19.0
Hyderabad	—	31.6	23.3	Shimla	2	24.6	19.8
Imphal	—	30.1	26.5	Srinagar	—	32.5	20.7
Jaipur	14	31.6	25.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.0	24.0
Kochi	—	29.0	25.0	Tiruchi	—	38.1	27.0
Kohima	10	26.0	20.0	Vijayawada	—	36.5	28.0
Kolkata	20	34.4	26.8	Visakhapatnam	—	33.3	28.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.16	..55	41	 94	97	.....
Bengaluru	.10	..13	36	 85	...163	.....
Chennai	...7	..32	32	 38	95	.....
Delhi	.29	..46	28	 74	78	.....
Hyderabad	.35	..23	33	... 125	98	.....
Kolkata	.10	..90	26	 49	52	.....
Lucknow	.44	..12	15	 96	...116	.....
Mumbai	.26	..17	24	 64	80	.....
Pune	.10	..20	99	 63	59	.....
Visakhapatnam	.17	..41	15	 66	...129	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Suakati, Odisha recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 196 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

Air Quality Code: Poor · Moderate · Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Congress and Left parties should strengthen ties, says Telangana CM

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister and Congress leader A. Revanth Reddy has underlined the need for further strengthening the cooperation between the Congress and the Left parties, as the understanding between the two will help in serving people.

The Chief Minister recalled the role played by Communists in helping the Congress come to power in the past as well as present, and said that the coordination should continue in future too. He was speaking at the anniversary celebrations of Nava Telangana Telugu daily, which is backed by the CPI (Marxist), in Hyderabad on Friday.

The dailies backed by the Left parties especially strove to create awareness among people on social evils or stigmas, and Nava Telangana was one among them, Mr. Revanth said. "Political parties of the yesteryears used dailies to spread their ideology," he recalled.

However, Mr. Reddy expressed concern that newspapers, those launched with political motivation in particular, were working to protect their monetary interests as well as hide the mistakes of the parties promoting them. "People should keenly observe the behaviour of some political dailies which are trying to influence them in the garb of journalism," he said.

Added to this was the influence of the social media allowing unqualified people to masquerade as journalists. "The time has come when genuine journalists are forced to define the meaning of journalism holding seminars," he said.

INBRIEF

Rapper Vedan moves HC seeking bail in rape case

Malayalam rapper and song writer Hirandas Murali, also known as Vedan, approached the Kerala High Court on Friday seeking anticipatory bail in a rape case the Thrikkakara police registered against him on Thursday. The case was registered after a doctor filed a complaint that Vedan sexually assaulted her on multiple occasions on the assurance of marriage. This was an orchestrated campaign by a group conspiring to malign his reputation by filing false complaints, he claimed in the petition. Hearing the plea, the Bench issued notice to the police.

Ropeway at Sabarimala: HC seeks details from Ministry

The Kerala High Court has sought the stance of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF) on the ropeway project at Sabarimala. In a *suo motu* action taken on the basis of the findings submitted by an advocate commission, a Bench of Justices V. Raja Vijayaraghavan and K.V. Jayakumar on Friday sought details such as the feasibility of constructing the ropeway that would pass via the Periyar Tiger Reserve. The proposal had given rise to several environmental concerns.

Sheep rearing fund diverted to ineligible people, says ED

Funds meant for beneficiaries of government's Sheep Rearing Development Scheme (SRDS) were transferred to people who were not involved in livestock trade was one of the findings of the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) probe into financial irregularities in the scheme. The ED teams carried out search operations at eight locations across Hyderabad on Wednesday under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) 2002. The raids yielded evidence, including documents suggesting illegal kickbacks to public servants.

Sea beckons

Awaited return: Activities resume at the Mangaluru Fishing Harbour as fishermen prepare to venture into the sea after the 61-day fishing holiday from June 1 to July 31 ended on Friday. H. S. MANJUNATH

Hyderabad Police arrest 48 persons for 415 cyber fraud cases

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police arrested 48 individuals from across eight States during special operations carried out in July. The arrested persons were involved in 415 cyber fraud cases registered across the country, including 78 in Telangana. A total of ₹2.21 crore was refunded to victims.

Among those arrested, six were involved in digital arrest frauds, 21 in investment and trading scams, and 21 in various other types of cyber offences. The arrests were made based on 301 complaints received through the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP).

The accused had links to cases registered in several States, including Andhra Pradesh (16), Delhi (19), Gujarat (24), Karnataka (72), Maharashtra (23), Tamil Nadu (27), and West Bengal (60), among others.

Items seized during the operations include 89 mobile phones, 94 debit cards, three laptops, 12 shell company stamps, 25 SIM cards, and ₹1 lakh in cash.

Refunds were processed across various categories of fraud: ₹5.15 crore in investment frauds, ₹9.64 lakh in trading scams, ₹3.58 lakh in OTP frauds, and ₹14.25 crore in impersonation cases, among others.

Karnataka is open, ready to partner with the world, CM tells diplomats

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday announced that the Bengaluru Tech Summit, 2025, will be held from November 18 to 20 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, and told diplomats of different countries that Karnataka is "open and ready to partner with the world."

Speaking at "Bridge to Bengaluru", a dialogue with diplomats on global innovation alliance for technology as a prelude to India's flagship technology forum, in New Delhi, the Chief Minister said, "Whether through technology, tourism or talent, we see global collaboration as the path to shared success." He said the Bengaluru Tech Summit hosted Nobel Laureates, world leaders, and innovators in the past year.

"This year, we expect over 1,00,000 attendees, 1,200 exhibitors, and 600 speakers from 60 countries," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

Noting that Karnataka is committed to inclusive growth, he said innovation districts in Bengaluru, Mysuru, and Belagavi would boost research and jobs. Initiatives like fintech in Mangaluru and drone development in Hubballi-Dharwad have shown balanced progress in the State. "The Tech Summit is a chance to connect, collaborate, and shape a shared future," he said. The Chief Minister said that Karnataka is an economic powerhouse with a GSDP of $337 billion, India's fourth-largest economy, contributing nearly 9% to the national GDP.

Global tech leader

Bengaluru is a global tech leader, ranked among the top 15 start-up ecosystems worldwide.

"Through programmes like NIPUNA Karnataka, we are training over 1,00,000 young people in skills like AI, cybersecurity, and biotechnology, partnering with global leaders like Microsoft and Accenture", Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

'Knowledge acquired at ISS will be useful for Gaganyaan'

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Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, who became the first Indian astronaut to visit the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4), on Friday said that the knowledge he gained during the 20-day mission would be extremely useful for India's human spaceflight programme Gaganyaan.

Group Captain Shukla, who is one of the four astronauts selected for the Gaganyaan mission, shared the highlights of the Ax-4 mission for the first time after returning to earth.

Shubhanshu Shukla

"I remember the homework I was given by our Honourable Prime Minister which was to document everything that we are doing here [in the ISS] because we would need it for our Gaganyaan mission. I can assure you that I have done that. I am confident that all that knowledge is going to prove extremely useful for us and our own Gaganyaan mission," Group Captain Shukla said in a virtual press conference from Houston, U.S.

Students' programme

He added that the success of the Ax-4 mission is already visible from the reactions of Indian students during the outreach sessions he held with the student community.

"They have been asking questions on how they can become astronauts and what they have to do to get in to be part of space missions and that to me is the true success of this mission. I am extremely happy with the outcome of this mission," he added.

House of wars

Attacking political rivals cannot be a way to evade responsibility

The government and the Opposition crossed swords in Parliament during a discussion on Operation Sindoor this week. There was unanimity in praising India's armed forces, but there was little common ground beyond that. Operation Sindoor was India's military response to the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, on April 22, 2025, which claimed 26 lives. The elimination of three terrorists behind the attack, just before the parliamentary debate, helped the government's case. It told Parliament that these terrorists were Lashkar-e-Taiba members from Pakistan. The Narendra Modi government's strident approach seeks to change the behaviour of Pakistan and reassure its domestic audience. The success of this approach is debatable and the Opposition sought to put the government on the spot on both counts. A demonstrated willingness to use force against Pakistan in the event of a terrorism incident is a definitive turn in India's strategy, and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) takes pride in that. But there is no evidence yet that it is working though there has been chest thumping around it by the ruling party. The discussion in Parliament barely addressed the implications of this approach, which is being touted as the new normal. The Opposition and the government agreed on the need to punish Pakistan, and also disagreed on who would do it better.

The government claimed success in meeting its objectives of launching a military operation and denied that it had acted under pressure in ending the war. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi demanded a pointed response to repeated claims by U.S. President Donald Trump that he mediated the ceasefire but the Prime Minister evaded a direct response on it. The government contradicts itself when it says that the operation was a success, and that it is continuing. It is also exasperating to hear a party that is now in its eleventh year of uninterrupted power, blame people who passed away decades ago for any challenge that India faces now. There was little self-reflection regarding the lapses that led to the terrorism incident, and whether and how the government plans to address them. The government had sent joint teams including several MPs from the Opposition abroad to garner support for India in the aftermath of the operation, but that sign of statesmanship was a short-lived aberration, as it turns out. The world is changing rapidly and India's capacity to navigate those changes will be largely determined by its own character. Questioning the patriotism of political opponents is an easy route to take to evade tough questions, but the BJP must realise that such an approach has diminishing returns.

Deep ties

India needs to engage its neighbours more closely

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the Maldives last week, after an invitation by Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu to be a special guest for the country's 60th Independence Day, signalled the full return of relations to the closeness they held during the previous Ibrahim Solih government. Although the two leaders had not gotten off to the best start in 2023, after Mr. Muizzu's surprise win, backed by an "India Out" campaign – this was followed by a "Boycott Maldives" social media campaign in India – they have been on the mend for the past year. During Mr. Muizzu's 2024 state visit to India, India had announced measures including lines of credit and a currency swap arrangement to support the Maldives during its economic troubles. Mr. Muizzu reflected gratitude when he described India's role in the Maldives as "pivotal" and Mr. Modi reciprocated the warmth. India announced a line of credit worth $565 million (₹4,850 crore) and reduced the annual debt burden for Maldives on previous Indian lines of credit by 40%. There was also the launch of India-Maldives Free Trade Agreement negotiations, which will be a significant driver of future engagement. There was the signing too of MoUs for cooperation in fisheries, meteorological sciences, digital solutions and pharma, as well as a digital and rupee-rufiyaa national currency payments agreement. Over the past six decades, India has cultivated a strong security partnership with the Maldives, including trilateral national security consultations with Sri Lanka, and it is significant that after Mr. Modi's visit, Mr. Muizzu welcomed Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake for a state visit.

The Maldives visit was also a reaffirmation of the importance of India's "Neighbourhood First" policy, at a time when Indian foreign policy is facing headwinds linked to the U.S.'s trade tariffs and the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza. The conflict with Pakistan after the Pahalgam attacks, and tensions with Bangladesh have engaged the government's attention. New Delhi has also been preoccupied with reaching out to different countries, following Operation Sindoor, but did not send delegations to neighbouring countries. It is heartening that New Delhi is preparing to welcome Nepal Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli, who has not been invited to India since he took office a year ago. A commemorative stamp by the Maldives for its national day celebrations showed traditional Indian and Maldives boats, which Mr. Modi described as a reflection of India and the Maldives being not just neighbours "but also fellow voyagers on a shared journey". In a time of global economic turmoil, a closer engagement with the neighbours – one that shores up their economic needs and supports their plans for development where possible – is essential.

What has been missed is India's digital sovereignty

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The compromises that India made in the digital sector through the India-U.K. Free Trade Agreement will have profound consequences for India's digital sovereignty

The India-United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement (FTA), called the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), has been lauded by the Union Commerce and Industry Minister, Piyush Goyal, as the 'gold standard' for all India's trade deals. Mr. Goyal has asserted that no compromise was made in any sensitive sector. Evidently, the Minister seemed to be counting only agriculture and labour-intensive manufacturing as sensitive sectors – which they are. But remarkably, despite the wide coverage the FTA has received, the impact on India's other, highly sensitive digital sector, which permeates every sphere of national activity and holds the key to our future, has gone without official comment or media scrutiny.

We argue that the compromises made in the digital sector through the India-U.K. FTA have profound consequences for India's digital sovereignty – a term frequently invoked in high-level political discourse. India has completely flipped on several core positions that it has long maintained at global forums, including at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Source code disclosure

The most surprising giveaway is on India's sovereign right to seek ex ante access to the source code for foreign digital goods or services, even for those deemed sensitive. This is very different from getting source code ex post for a specific investigation or remedy, which is allowed under the agreement. Regulators in different sectors often have strict disclosure rules, such as for food and medicine ingredients. Software now permeates nearly every product, including telecom, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and health applications, whereby it may be crucial for the regulators to be able to 'look under the hood' of software, for safety, security and general compliance requirements, and to enable urgent, real-time upgrades.

Giving up this right is a 180-degree turn from India's steadfast stand at the WTO and other forums. Even the United States, which first included source code related prohibitions in its FTAs and at the WTO, withdrew this formulation last year, recognising its domestic regulatory, law enforcement and security imperatives. In the U.S. driven Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), the 'source code disclosure' provision applied only to mass-market software such as Microsoft's operating systems – meaning not to niche and custom-made software. It specifically excluded software for critical infrastructure. In the U.K. FTA text, the prohibition applies to all software. Businesses are always free to enter, or avoid, transactions requiring disclosure of source code. What is sacrificed here are India's regulatory rights in this regard, for all times to come, in a sector that has just begun to take shape.

Surrendering a critical national resource

Granting equal and non-discriminatory access for U.K. parties to 'Open Government Data' – a term from the pre-digital era which then meant government transparency, and access to its statistics – constitutes another major giveaway. This is because data is not what it used to be. Today, it has acquired an entirely new avatar, being the digital era's most valuable resource. AI, where heated competition for global mastery is raging, is but patterns derived from data, which is why data is deemed to be priceless.

This concession is very significant, even though this provision is yet at a 'best endeavour' level, and non-binding. It is incomprehensible why India (where the intention to be an AI superpower is a staple of top-level political rhetoric), has conceded that national data held by the government is not a sovereign resource but an international free for all. Facilitating foreign access to such data poses risks of eroding India's competitive advantage in using India's own data to create Indian AI products, and also serious security risks as national data can be weaponised.

The most contested issues in digital trade are the 'free flow of data' and 'data localisation'. While India seems to have largely stood its ground on these issues, its commitment to "enter into consultations to extend appropriate equivalent disciplines" to the U.K. if India agrees to any concessions with another country, denotes a dangerous regress, and visible vulnerability, with regard to India's long-held positions on these key issues.

This matter links to the one above on India's data being an important national economic resource as well as the need to safeguard it from a security point of view. Again, last year, owing to similar considerations, the U.S., the original proponent of 'free flow of data' and 'prohibition on data localisation', withdrew from these stances at the WTO.

It is difficult to understand how Indian negotiators could be so naive or negligent in agreeing to the above concessions. Digital trade concessions are not like those on commodities, where tariffs can be applied one day and removed on another.

Digital trade texts are essentially about rule making for a new global digital order. We either fully opt into western, Big Tech -oriented, digital architectures, or we maintain sufficient autonomy and sovereignty. This is because once the digital rules and systems are set, they are almost impossible to roll back. India's digital concessions are thus buttressing a set of rules for a global digital ecosystem from which India cannot extricate itself later. And India is doing all this in a reactive mode without a clear road map of its own.

It seems that the U.K. was able to extract all the above concessions, the absolute opposite to what India has stood for till now, because, unlike manufacturing and agriculture, there is no specific political 'constituency' for digital sovereignty. But it is perhaps an even more important issue in the mid to long term. We may be seeing a repeat of how India lost out on early industrialisation and had to suffer grievous colonial exploitation, causing a loss of wealth and independence. In making these digital concessions, we may be giving up our digital future, independence and prosperity.

India must act quickly

India needs to develop and negotiate towards a global digital architecture that protects and furthers its digital sovereignty. As a late starter in 'digital industrialisation', it should create the space required for India to become a digital superpower and not a digital colony.

For this, India needs to urgently formulate a full-fledged digital sovereignty and 'digital industrialisation' policy which should then inform and guide its trade negotiations. Our negotiators must be accompanied by digital sovereignty experts with access to the top political leadership, which has the core responsibility for safeguarding India's long-term digital interests. These interests are often not so visible, and, therefore, tend to get by-passed and not fought for.

The fact is mangroves drive business

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It is unfortunate that the value of blue carbon ecosystems such as mangroves rarely features in balance sheets or policy frameworks

Mangroves have, historically, been on the margins of planning and policy priorities in spite of their vital role in anchoring coastal economies and protecting millions from climate extremes. Their loss is not just an environmental concern. Their loss erodes natural infrastructure that acts as a buffer for urban coastlines, underpins fisheries, and quietly contributes billions in ecosystem services and avoided damages.

As the world grapples with extreme weather events and rising sea levels, blue carbon ecosystems such as mangroves are critical to climate and economic resilience. Yet, their value rarely features in balance sheets or policy frameworks. How can businesses, governments, and communities reimagine these ecosystems as active drivers of sustainable growth and security? Three pillars of our work through the Mangrove Coalition offer ideas for the path forward.

Mapping with technology

First, embracing technology can help us better understand the value of "Natural Capital". Satellite and drone data with advanced geospatial Artificial Intelligence algorithms have improved accurate mangrove mapping and blue carbon quantification. This is crucial for informing policies and restoration efforts. The economic and ecosystem services valuation of mangroves ranges from ₹3,535 million in Pichavaram (Tamil Nadu) to ₹664 billion in the Sundarbans (West Bengal). Carbon sequestration alone is valued at ₹462 million per year in the Sundarbans, reflecting the ecological and economic importance of this habitat. Communities that possess deep knowledge of mangrove ecosystems and rely on them for their livelihoods, must be prioritised and equitably benefited – socially and economically.

Involving communities

Second, community-led conservation efforts are key to strengthening symbiotic and mutually respectful relationships of people and nature. Fisherfolk especially value the role of mangroves as nurseries for juvenile fish. Healthy mangroves often translate into robust fish stocks, ensuring sustainable catch. The livelihoods of these coastal communities are intrinsically linked to the quality of mangrove and estuarine systems.

In dense urban settings such as Mumbai and Chennai, mangroves are often distressed, polluted and degraded. Since they are unable to support flourishing biodiversity, coastal livelihoods and socio-cultural interdependencies are compromised. However, when communities directly experience the benefits (more fish, cleaner air, protected homes) and are empowered to make decisions about their local environment, they become effective and enduring stewards. Mangroves and other coastal ecosystems can also create opportunities for alternative livelihoods such as aquaculture, beekeeping and eco-tourism. Integrated ownership models such as Eco-Development Committees (EDCs) or Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) can be translated for urban mangroves.

Third, citizen science can engage stakeholders to generate wonder and investment in this undervalued ecosystem and mobilise collective action for conservation. When community members from varied backgrounds are skilled to understand and monitor ecosystems, this can either supplement existing assessment efforts or substitute for formal monitoring. Mangrove health is intertwined with the vitality of associated ecosystems and wetlands, and the health of rivers from source to the sea, as they contribute freshwater, sediments and biota. Regular monitoring can provide a good indication of how the system is faring.

Platforms can play a pivotal role

Key components of a mangrove health tool should include indicators around changes in mangrove area; quantity, quality and timing of freshwater flows; avian, floral, molluscan and fish diversity; and, crucially, community dependence and a perception of the ecosystem services. Such assessments can provide key insights to support management actions. Engagement platforms such as "Mangrove Mitras" or Friends of Mangroves can open avenues for urban citizens and local communities to engage constructively in the conservation of mangroves. This could help to rebuild a people-wetland-river-mangrove connection through an immersive experience on the magical value of mangroves.

Sustainable stewardship is not a top-down mandate but a symbiotic relationship where mangrove health and people's well-being are mutually reinforcing. Policymakers and businesses must recognise mangroves as vital climate and economic infrastructure rather than mere biodiversity zones. Protecting and restoring these ecosystems demands a coalition where science, business and community voices work in harmony – each bringing unique strengths to secure their future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Misplaced remark

U.S. President Donald Trump's remark, calling India a "dead economy", is both inaccurate and disappointing, especially when leading global institutions continue to recognise India as among the fastest-growing major economies. That the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank have all projected India's economic stability is a clear indication of economic vitality, not decline. With a young and dynamic population — in sharp contrast to aging demographics and slowing growth in many advanced economies, India's demographic strength, combined with prudent macroeconomic policies and digital advancement, positions it as a key driver of future global growth. Mr. Trump's comments appear to be politically charged rather than fact-based.

Rukma Sharma,
Jalandhar, Punjab

What is odious is that Mr. Trump did not stop with just announcing tariffs. He has revived the U.S's old myopic game of trying to maintain a geo-political strategic balance in South Asia by supporting Pakistan, India's war-happy neighbour.

One cannot but notice the fact that Mr Trump has been upping the ante against India ever since it successfully carried out post-Pahalgam retaliatory strikes against Pakistan's terror infrastructure. That India proved its military prowess with minimum collateral damage and the use of indigenous armaments has not gone down well with the Trump administration.

Nalini Vijayaraghavan,
Thiruvananthapuram

The cartoon (Inside pages, 'On the draw' August 1), on Mr. Trump's decision, may be a correct portrayal. The U.S. President is publicity savvy and wants to take the credit when it comes to all major global events. He wants the Nobel Prize and has shamelessly expressed his desire. He is just another politician and not a statesman. Imposing shockingly high tariffs will hurt the business of the exporters to the United States of America, which will, in turn, affect the economies of many countries. Mr. Trump does not care one bit about the sufferings of others. He is whimsical, which is a bad trait for anyone in power. Here is an elected leader who is an example of how one should not be.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

One cannot help notice these contrasts — ISRO and NASA have successfully launched their NISAR satellite into orbit, which highlights the power of science and cooperation, but the U.S. President seems intent on giving pinpricks to India and the Indian government. One wonders how things will play out.

Dhanaraj S.,
Bodinayakanur, Tamil Nadu

The debate in Parliament

The parliamentary debate on Operation Sindoor unfolded as expected, with few surprises. The ruling party remained determined to portray the operation as an unqualified success, while key questions raised by the Opposition were left unanswered. Vital issues deserving serious deliberation such as Mr. Trump's repeated claims of brokering a ceasefire, and the alarming security lapses in Pahalgam were largely ignored.

From the outset, the ruling party's reluctance to engage in a substantive debate was unmistakable. Repeated references to events under the past dispensation did little more than deflect attention from the core concerns. One can only hope that future parliamentary discussions will rise above partisan posturing and offer genuine, meaningful exchanges.

V. Nagarajan,
Chennai

Civic responsibility

India-Bangladesh relations may be strained but there are areas of policy in that country which may be worth considering in India. I recently came across a video on YouTube, on an organisation called BD Clean (bdclean.org). It is a platform of 50,000 volunteers who work with the aim of ensuring a clean Bangladesh and bringing about a change in mentality in the disposal of garbage. The transformation in the country has been spectacular with heavily polluted areas undergoing remarkable transformations. It is an idea that is worth emulating in Indian cities and towns.

V. Subramaniam,
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Billboards advertise fertility centres in Hyderabad. The city, along with Secunderabad, is a significant hub for medical tourism in India. G. RAMAKRISHNA

The business of selling babies

In August 2024, a couple from Rajasthan travelled to Secunderabad for an IVF procedure. A doctor at a clinic they approached convinced them to opt for surrogacy instead. After paying ₹30 lakh and getting a baby a year later, the couple realised through DNA testing that the child was not theirs. **Serish Nanisetti** and **Siddharth Kumar Singh** report on the surrogacy scam in Telangana

The Secunderabad railway station in Telangana is a noisy transit hub. Thousands of people enter and exit the concourse every day. Ad jingles in Hindi, Telugu, English, and Bengali, about the various medical procedures offered by hospitals across the city, blare over the din. Billboards outside the station feature smiling couples with babies. The city, along with Hyderabad, is a significant hub for medical tourism in India.

In August 2024, after having done some research, Sonam Singh and her husband Akshay travelled to Secunderabad from Kuharwas village near Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan for an in vitro fertilisation (IVF) procedure. They rented a house near the railway station and began searching on the Internet for hospitals nearby.

Near the railway station, they found the Universal Srushti Fertility Centre, which promised them an 85% success rate for an IVF procedure. The hopeful couple met the owner, Pachipala Namratha aka Athaluri Namratha, 64.

"The test results showed that we were medically fit to conceive," says Sonam, speaking over the phone from Kuharwas. "But the doctor insisted that we opt for surrogacy. She told us that it was safer and more reliable. She also assured us that the clinic would use our sperm and egg, and also handle all the paperwork and legalities."

While an IVF procedure can cost anywhere between ₹2 lakh and ₹6 lakh per cycle, Namratha told the couple that surrogacy would cost them ₹30 lakh. She asked Sonam and Akshay to transfer half the amount through their bank account and pay the remaining in cash, supposedly for the surrogate. Convinced, the couple made their first payment on August 16, 2024. According to the First Information Report filed by Akshay, Namratha also promised the couple that "a healthy child [would be] delivered... after DNA confirmation."

Nearly a year later, on June 5, Sonam and Akshay were handed a baby at Lotus Hospital in Visakhapatnam. However, the couple grew suspicious when Namratha's clinic refused to perform the DNA test. They took the infant to the DNA Forensics Laboratory in Vasant Kunj, Delhi. To their shock, the results showed that the baby was not theirs. When they returned to Secunderabad to confront Namratha, she had disappeared.

Sonam and Akshay approached the Gopalpuram police in Secunderabad, which investigated the matter and uncovered a baby-selling racket. The police booked Namratha under Sections 61, 316, 335, 336, and 340 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Act, 2023, which deal with criminal conspiracy, criminal breach of trust by carriers, forgery of documents, and related offences. They also booked her under Sections 38, 39, and 40 of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021, which deal with prohibitions, punishments, and penalties related to surrogacy practices.

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> **POLICE OFFICER**

Sourcing surrogates

According to the Gopalapuram police, Universal Srushti Fertility Centre has cheated at least 15 couples. Promising these couples a baby through surrogacy, it has charged them between ₹20 lakh and ₹30 lakh each, and handed them babies not related to them. It has also furnished falsified documents, say the police. An investigation has revealed that the clinic paid commissions to smaller centres for referrals of potential surrogate mothers and women who wanted to undergo abortions, forged medical reports, and operated without proper licensing.

According to the police, an agent called Dhanasri Santoshi struck a deal between a couple from Assam and the clinic. They say the Assamese couple's baby was given to the couple from Rajasthan. The police have arrested the couple from Assam on charges of selling their baby.

"Instead of getting ₹15 lakh, the couple from Assam got ₹90,000 for selling their baby," says a police officer. The baby has been moved to foster care at Shishu Vihar, a childcare centre under the Women and Child Welfare Department.

The police add that they have discovered a disturbing pattern in how surrogates are sourced. The sealed medical facility in Secunderabad is surrounded by lodges and bed-and-breakfast rooms. These lodging facilities were used to house women. A police officer says, "The agents would approach vulnerable women, particularly those seeking abortions, and offer them money to continue their pregnancy so that they could take the baby later. These newborns would then be passed off as children conceived through surrogacy. This is how people were misled into believing that the babies were biologically theirs." In at least four known cases in Telangana, women were not paid at all and completely abandoned post-delivery, the officer adds.

On November 26, 2024, a woman engaged as a surrogate by a couple died after falling from the ninth floor of a building in Raidurgam in the western part of Hyderabad. According to the police, the victim and her husband, both natives of Odisha, were given accommodation by Rajesh Babu and his wife at their residence. When Rajesh allegedly tried to sexually assault the 26-year-old woman, she tried to escape through the balcony and slipped and died. She was purportedly brought to the city through middlemen for surrogacy for ₹10 lakh, say police reports.

A view of the Srushti Fertility Centre in Secunderabad. G. RAMAKRISHNA

Donors in queue

As the police widened their probe, they raided a facility operating under the name, Indian Sperm Tech, near Secunderabad East Metro Station, located about 400 metres away from the fertility clinic. They found 17 sperm donors and 11 egg donors waiting in queue at the facility.

"The women donors were brought from Delhi, and the men from Andhra Pradesh and other parts of Telangana. The sperm donors, mostly aged between 22 and 30, were paid ₹1,000-₹1,500 per sample. The men were in need of quick cash," says a police officer who led the raid.

L. Shiva was among the people arrested by the police in the midnight raid. Shiva, 35, from Vizianagaram, brought egg and sperm donors and connected them to the hospital. Another broker who was arrested hails from Indore in Madhya Pradesh. One of the egg donors caught in the raid was a 30-year-old resident from Baksa, Assam.

Indian Sperm Tech, reportedly headquartered in Ahmedabad, had allegedly set up the sperm collection unit in Secunderabad without a valid license. "It is a diagnostic centre," says an officer from the District Medical and Health Officer's office. "They collect sperm samples, freeze them, and send them to Ahmedabad. The processed samples (isolated and concentrated to select the healthiest sperm) are then returned with reports and sold to clinics across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh. The place has been operating for two years without registration."

In trouble before

It is a typically busy weekday afternoon on St. Johns Road in Secunderabad. But just a short turn away from this arterial road, the noise fades. A narrow bylane, about 20 feet wide, is almost hidden in plain sight. Two old gates, one swung wide open and the other barely ajar, lead into it. Two policemen sit here, silent witnesses to what the North Zone police uncovered.

The building of Namratha's clinic has been sealed and the clinic shut down, following an investigation that exposed the baby-selling racket running under the guise of fertility treatments. "The hospital operated only on the first two floors. The rest were empty," says one constable. The two floors were filled with equipment required for childcare and fertility treatment.

Rajesh Ravi lived here for 16 years before moving closer to the city centre. He is shocked by the revelations. "You live somewhere for over a decade and you think you know your neighbourhood. I found nothing suspicious. The only time we were mildly inconvenienced was when too many patients came and there would be many cars on the street," he says.

Rajesh says there was a police case involving the same place about 10 years ago. "No one talked about it much because back then, news on social media did not reach us as fast as it does now," he says.

"We knew what was happening here," says Manu, a lawyer who lives across the street of the four-storied Rushi Test Tube Bab Cent. While the name in English has missing letters, the name in Telugu etched beneath it reveals the complete name – Srusthi Test Tube Baby Centre. "This place was sealed five times earlier. But eventually things got back to 'normal'. This time I think it is serious and she (Namratha) will not be allowed to carry on the business."

The Telangana Medical Council says Namratha was involved in a surrogacy scandal in 2016. A U.S.-based couple, who had used the clinic's services, had discovered that the child born to them through a surrogate was not biologically related to them. "Following a police case and court hearings, we suspended the doctor's license for five years, with a lifetime ban on conducting surrogacy procedures," says Dr. G Srinivas, Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Yet, when the suspension period ended, the doctor returned, seeking to have her license reinstated. "We refused. She was still involved in a court case, and our rules are clear on that," Dr. Srinivas adds.

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> **MANU**
> Lawyer

A stringent law

As surrogacy has become an increasingly popular option for couples grappling with infertility, Indian law has become more stringent to ensure that the practice remains ethical and free from commercial exploitation. What once operated in legal grey zones is now bound by clear rules, thanks to the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021.

Under the Act, only altruistic surrogacy is permitted in India. This means a surrogate mother cannot be paid for carrying a child, except for her medical expenses and insurance coverage. Commercial surrogacy, any arrangement involving monetary compensation or profit, is banned and is a punishable offence.

According to the Act, all surrogacy procedures must take place at clinics registered under the Act and authorised by the office officially designated as the State Appropriate Authority.

. These clinics must comply with strict medical standards and ethical norms. Any attempt to bypass the law, whether through brokers, unregistered clinics, or financial inducements, is considered a criminal offence, punishable with imprisonment of up to 10 years and fines reaching ₹10 lakh.

Fertility specialists say the Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Regulation Act, 2021, and the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021, have brought much-needed order to what was once a loosely regulated and, at times, opaque system.

Dr. Preethi Dayal, who runs the Preethi Fertility Centre in Jangaon district, says prior to the enforcement of the ART law in January 2023, "many centres operated without oversight. You could bring in any random donor, collect the sample, and proceed with checks or documentation. But we are now bound by very strict protocols. Every donor must be sourced only through a registered ART bank, which keeps Aadhaar-linked records of every sample, though the identity is never disclosed to either doctors or patients." She adds that the new law mandates comprehensive screening of all donors, including genetic testing, and imposes tight eligibility criteria based on age and health. "There is no room for ambiguity now. Everything has to be documented and traceable."

Dr. Preethi also points out that, legally and ethically, all third-party donor procedures must be conducted with confidentiality. "Patients are never informed about the identity of the donor. The child born through surrogacy belongs legally and emotionally to the intended parents. That is the framework we follow," Dr. Preethi says.

To reduce the risk of human error, the doctor says many IVF clinics have now adopted the RI Witness system, a high-tech safety protocol that tracks every sample using barcode verification. "Every patient is given a barcode-linked card. Before processing a sample, we scan the card in the system. If there is any mismatch, the entire hospital is alerted," she says.

While many corporate hospitals have already adopted this system, Dr. Preethi says smaller or less-regulated clinics may not yet have the infrastructure or the will to comply. "Some centres are still conducting 10 to 15 IVF cycles a day. Without safeguards like the RI Witness system, the chances of mix-ups increase," she says.

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Names have been changed to protect privacy

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Bihar's draft voter rolls: voters dip by 65 lakh

"In the one-month period from August 1 to September 1, any elector or political party can file claims and objections in a prescribed form before the ERO to add the name of any eligible elector or to delete the name of any ineligible one," the EC statement said.

No State-wide compiled list was made available, but booth-wise lists of all the 90,712 polling booths of all 243 Assembly constituencies have been shared with all political parties by the State's 38 Deputy Electoral Officers (DEO).

However, the voters included in the draft list are still required to submit proof of residence and birth unless they have already done so, using the list of 11 documents which the EC had listed in the SIR rules. Neither Aadhaar nor voter ID cards are in the list of eligible documents.

Opposition parties have dubbed the SIR as an effort to bring in the National Register of Citizens (NRC) through a "backdoor" process. They have approached the Supreme Court in the matter, along with several civil society groups.

The top court had suggested to the EC, that it consider Aadhaar and Voter ID cards as proof as well. The next date of hearing has been fixed for August 12.

Detailed data needed: INDIA

At a meeting of political parties organised by the Bihar CEO, INDIA bloc leaders asked how many voters whose names are in the 2003 voter list – when the last SIR was conducted – had filled in the current SIR enumeration form, seeking the total number and list of names. They also asked for the registered voter list published on January 7, 2025, to be provided in a pen drive or CD, with the data in an Assembly-wise format. In a memorandum submitted to the Bihar CEO, the INDIA bloc also asked for a detailed Assembly-wise list of those voters who have been removed from the final draft, as well as those who had not yet filled in the enumeration form by the evening of August 2.

Noting that the EC has said that over 22 lakh registered voters have died, the Opposition leaders asked which documents were taken from the relatives of the deceased voters. Similarly, they asked on what basis a number of voters have been declared "untraceable".

Prajwal Revanna convicted of rape

Forensic reports indicated that the man in the video is Prajwal. The victim had kept her saris in a wardrobe where she was working and DNA analysis found the accused Prajwal's DNA on one of them. These, apart from the victim's testimony, formed key evidence in the trial. The SIT had filed a 1,632-page chargesheet with 118 witnesses in the case in September, 2024.

The victim was also allegedly abducted at the behest of Prajwal's parents, former Minister H. D. Revanna and Bhavani Revanna, to prevent her from testifying and was rescued from a farmhouse at K. R. Nagar.

The SIT has also filed a chargesheet against them for abduction and the trial in that case is yet to begin.

Hundreds of explicit videos of many women allegedly recorded by Prajwal were leaked in Hassan in the last week of April, 2024, ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe, headed by Mr. Singh, Additional Director General of Police, Criminal Investigation Department, led to four cases against Prajwal – three rape cases and one sexual harassment case.

India-U.S. ties will 'move forward', says MEA

On Wednesday, Mr. Trump had placed the trade relationship within the context of his ongoing efforts to bring Russia to the negotiating table regarding the Ukraine crisis and said on social media platform Truth Social, "Remember, while India is our friend, we have, over the years, done relatively little business with them because their Tariffs are.. among the highest in the World, and they have the most strenuous and obnoxious non-monetary Trade Barriers of any Country. Also, they have always bought a vast majority of their military equipment from Russia, and are Russia's largest buyer of ENERGY, along with China..."

Apart from targeting India for sourcing energy, and military hardware from Russia, President Trump had slammed the BRICS grouping where India and Russia have been the founding members. "You know, they have BRICS, which is basically a group of countries that are anti the United States, and India is a member of that..," Mr. Trump told the media on Wednesday.

Responding to this, Mr. Jaiswal said, "Our bilateral relationships with various countries stand on their own merit and should not be seen from the prism of a third country. India and Russia have a steady and time-tested partnership." He further highlighted the "strong defence partnership with the U.S." that India has developed over the past years and mentioned the decisions taken during Mr. Trump's February 13 meeting with Prime Minister Modi in Washington D.C. which had led to the new initiative named "U.S.-India COMPACT (Catalyzing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce & Technology) for the 21st Century".

India's fuel exports going on without import duty in U.S.

The U.S. President had announced plans to impose penalty on India over Delhi's ties with Moscow; but the order Trump signed excludes petroleum products from the 25% tariff on Indian goods

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Pharmaceutical products and electronics have also been excluded from the 25% tariff on Indian goods. FILE PHOTO

India's exports of petroleum products such as diesel and jet fuel to the U.S. continue to be exempted from the levy of any import duty or tariff, and President Donald Trump has, for now, not indicated the penalty he plans to impose to deter New Delhi's energy trade with Russia.

On Wednesday, Mr. Trump had announced plans to impose a 25% tariff on India, along with an additional penalty, citing concerns over the country's energy and defence ties with Russia, as well as existing trade barriers.

However, the executive order he signed thereafter only gives effect to the 25% tariff on Indian goods coming to the U.S. Even this has an exclusion list that includes finished pharmaceutical products (tablets, injectables and syrups), active pharmaceutical ingredients, electronics and ICT goods (semiconductors, smartphones, SSDs and computers), and petroleum products (crude oil, LNG, refined fuels, electricity and coal).

The executive order also does not indicate any penalty that is to be levied for Russian trade.

According to official data, India exported 4.86 million tonnes of petroleum products to the U.S. in fiscal year 2024-25 for over $4 billion. Reliance Industries Ltd. is the biggest exporter of fuel to the U.S.

With fuel exports continuing to be on the exemption list, it means business as usual for India and companies such as Reliance, analysts said.

Big relief

Also, a relief would be if no penalty is imposed to punish India for its oil imports from Russia, they said, adding that for now, the U.S. administration has not indicated any penalty. "For now, there is nothing but you never know," an analyst said.

From just 0.2% before the Russia-Ukraine war to now accounting for 35-40% of total crude imports, India's reliance on Russian oil has surged – drawing fresh scrutiny with Mr. Trump announcing a penalty on top of a 25% tariff, or tax, on all goods going to the U.S.

India historically bought most of its oil from the Middle East, including Iraq and Saudi Arabia. However, things changed when Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022.

India, the world's third-largest crude importer after China and the U.S., began snapping up Russian oil that was available at a discount after some in the West shunned it as a means to punish Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine.

From a market share of just 0.2% in India's import basket before the start of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Russia overtook Iraq and Saudi Arabia to become India's No.1 supplier, with a share as high as 40% at one point of time.

This month, Russia supplied 36% of all crude oil, which is converted into fuels like petrol and diesel, that India imported.

Anil Ambani gets ED summons in loan fraud case

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Anil Ambani

The Enforcement Directorate has summoned Reliance ADA Group chairman Anil Ambani for recording his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act on August 5 in connection with a bank loan fraud case.

Mr. Ambani has been asked to join the investigating team at the ED headquarters in Delhi. Some functionaries of the group entities have also been summoned. The summonses follow the agency's searches at 35 locations of 50 companies and 25 individuals launched last week. In a statement, Reliance Infrastructure said the issue pertained to an over 10-year-old matter regarding alleged diversion of ₹10,000 crore to an undisclosed related party, when the exposure as per the disclosures in the company's financial statements was around ₹6,500 crore.

"In this connection, attention is invited that Reliance Infrastructure had publicly disclosed this matter on February 9, nearly six months ago. Reliance Infrastructure Limited had a net exposure of ₹6,500 crore which was duly disclosed in its financial statements for four years. Reliance Infrastructure diligently pursued recovery of its dues in this matter," the statement said.

"Through mandatory mediation proceedings conducted by a retired Supreme Court Judge and the mediation award filed before the Bombay High Court, Reliance Infrastructure arrived at a settlement to recover its 100% exposure of ₹6,500 crore," said the company, adding that Mr. Ambani was not on the Board of Reliance Infrastructure since March 2022.

Amid trade turmoil, U.S. to send White House adviser Ricky Gill to Delhi for IMEC conference

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Critical dialogue: Ricky Gill and the U.S. delegation are expected to hold talks with MEA officials during their visit to New Delhi. X/USIBC

Amidst turmoil over the Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) and impending 25% tariffs on U.S. imports of Indian goods, U.S. President Donald Trump's most senior point-person for the region will lead a delegation to Delhi next week.

Ricky Gill, who is the Special Assistant to the U.S. President for National Security Affairs and the U.S. National Security Council's Senior Director for South and Central Asia, has been invited by India's National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) to discuss the future of the long-delayed India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) on August 5 and 6.

Officials of the NSCS, which is led by National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval, did not respond to requests for details of the conference. According to sources, a number of countries involved in the project have been invited to attend apart from the U.S.

While the IMEC was launched on the sidelines of the G-20 in September 2023, it has not made much progress since, due to the October 7 terror attacks in Israel, and Israel's bombardment of Gaza in which more than 60,000 people have been killed. The Israeli port of Haifa is a key part of the original IMEC project, although scholars have suggested considering alternative alignments.

Sanctions impact

During their stay in Delhi, Mr. Gill and the U.S. delegation are also expected to hold talks with MEA officials. "The visit underscores the United States' continued commitment to advancing regional connectivity and infrastructure cooperation with key partners across South Asia, the Middle East and the Mediterranean," the U.S. Embassy spokesperson told *The Hindu*.

Officials said the visit had been planned several weeks in advance and is not connected to the current trade issues between the two countries. However, Mr. Gill has previous experience in the U.S. NSC working on Russian and Iranian sanctions, both of which are now being imposed on Indian entities, and these might come up during talks.

On Thursday, the U.S. State Department sanctioned eight Indian entities and five Indian nationals for their alleged engagement in the oil trade with Iran.

Meanwhile, Mr. Trump announced that, in addition to the 25% reciprocal tariffs that would be imposed on Indian exports from August 7, Indian goods would face added "penalties" due to India's import of Russian oil, purchase of Russian military hardware, and membership in BRICS grouping.

'Trump must receive Nobel Peace Prize'

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NEW YORK/WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump should be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt has said, claiming that the U.S. President ended several conflicts around the world including the one between India and Pakistan.

At a White House press briefing on Thursday, she said Mr. Trump brokered, about one peace deal or ceasefire per month during his six months in office.

Since May 10, when he announced that India and Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire after talks mediated by Washington, he has repeated his claim on several occasions that he helped settle the tensions between the two countries.

Woman deported to Pak. to get visitor's visa

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The Centre has informed the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court that it has decided to grant a visitor's visa to a 62-year-old homemaker who was deported to Pakistan post-Pahalgam terror attack. The court said the particular case should not set a precedent in any manner.

The petitioner, Rakshanda Rashid, a Pakistani citizen married to an Indian, had been living in Jammu for 38 years on a long-term visa. She had applied for a citizenship in 1996 but the request is yet to be processed.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the MHA, informed the court on July 30 that "after much deliberations and considering the peculiarity of the facts and unusual factual position in the matter, an in-principle decision is taken by the authority to grant a visitor's visa to the respondent."

Kerala, Chhattisgarh units of BJP at odds over nuns' arrest; will get 'justice', insists leader

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Kerala BJP chief says the Chhattisgarh govt. will not oppose the bail applications of the arrested nuns

The recent arrest of two Catholic nuns from Kerala on charges of human trafficking and forced religious conversion in BJP-ruled Chhattisgarh has led to a disagreement between the party's State units in the State and Kerala, prompting the senior leadership to step in and facilitate a resolution.

On Friday, Kerala BJP chief Rajeev Chandrasekhar said the Chhattisgarh government would not oppose the bail applications of the two nuns who were arrested at the Durg railway station on July 25.

"We hope that they get bail in the coming days because the State government has agreed not to oppose their bail," he said, adding that both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah had clearly said that justice would be given to the nuns.

As voices grew stronger demanding the release of the nuns, the matter drew wider attention. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on July 28 – via his X handle – said that "through inducement, an attempt was being made to engage in human trafficking and conversion" and that it was "a serious matter related to women's safety".

Hours later, Mr. Chandrasekhar termed the arrests a case of "misunderstanding", stating that the unit had contacted the Home Minister of Chhattisgarh and the State government, and the Union Home Ministry. "We received tremendous support from the authorities... the accompanying girls are adults, and they had parental consent..," he said.

The same day, the party's Kerala State general secretary Anoop Antony reached Chhattisgarh and met the State's Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Vijay Sharma. "While Chhattisgarh, being a tribal state, has an anti-conversion law in place, we are convinced that the allegations of conversion against the Malayali nuns are not true," posted Mr. Chandrasekhar on X."

However, the next day, BJP MP from Durg, Vijay Baghel, spoke during Zero Hour in Lok Sabha on the issue. He came out in support of the Chhattisgarh government for arresting the nuns.

"This is a conspiracy to malign the image of the well-governed, sensitive government in Chhattisgarh and create tension between two religions. Are we not supposed to protect our daughters in Chhattisgarh?" Mr. Baghel asked.

NIA court reserves verdict on bail plea of two Kerala nuns

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Defence lawyer says there is no evidence to suggest trafficking or forcible religious conversion

A special NIA court in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur district on Friday reserved its order on a bail application filed by three persons, including two nuns from Kerala, after defence lawyer argued that there was no material evidence to suggest either human trafficking or forcible religious conversions.

While the prosecution's focus behind the formal objection was the preliminary stage of investigation, a team of lawyers representing complainant and Bajrang Dal member Ravi Nigam strongly objected to granting bail, said defence lawyer Amrito Das. The order will be delivered on Saturday.

Nuns Preethi Mary and Vandana Francis, along with Narayanpur resident Sukaman Mandavi, have been in jail since July 25 when they were arrested by the police at the Durg railway station after Mr. Nigam, and other Bajrang Dal members, accused them of forcibly converting and trafficking three tribal girls from Narayanpur.

Before Principal District and Sessions Judge (NIA court) Sirajuddin Qureshi, the defence counsel pleaded that the nuns, both 55 years old, were in social service and were not criminals. "We also argued that there was no force used to compel the three women to travel with the nuns," Mr. Das said.

"The court read the parents' statement that they have been following Christianity for the past four-five years. It also said the parents were aware that the women were going with the nuns for work and that they themselves had sent them," Mr. Das said.

Tamil Nadu's engine of progress: education for all

As the State proudly sends off another batch of students from the most disadvantaged backgrounds to the most prestigious educational institutions in the country, one must look back at Tamil Nadu's legacy in pushing to make education accessible to all; the success stories are not isolated, they reflect a systemic change

M.K. Stalin
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

There are many reasons for Tamil Nadu's tremendous economic and social progress over the last century, but if I had to choose just one, it would be education. If social justice is our ideology, then education is its most effective instrument to carry it forward. Education for all, not just those who can afford it or have the "merit" for it, is an equaliser and an enabler. It is the foundation upon which we continue to build an equitable Tamil society.

The seeds of this vision were sown more than a century ago. In the year 1920, a school in Thousand Lights area under the then Municipal Corporation of Madras became the first in India to serve mid-day meals to its students. The initiative, approved by the then Madras Corporation Council and inspired by Justice Party leader P. Theagaraya Chetty, was a pioneering act of both compassion and foresight.

Today, that idea has evolved into one of the largest and most effective school meal programmes in the world, topped up with the Breakfast Scheme which was launched in 2022 by this government. It is one of many reforms that illustrate how Tamil Nadu has used its education policy not just to improve learning outcomes, but to bring about equality in society.

Recently, we witnessed another powerful expression of that vision in action. A total of 135 students from Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Schools have secured admission to some of India's most prestigious higher educational institutions like the Indian Institutes of Technology, the National Institutes of Technology, the National Institutes of Fashion Technology, the National Law Universities, Miranda House and other leading colleges of the University of Delhi, and more. Further, all the six seats reserved for Scheduled Tribes students at the Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University were bagged by students from Tamil Nadu through the national counselling process.

This is the outcome of consistent, targeted and well-implemented policy. These students, most of whom studied in government schools from Class 6 to 12, were felicitated by the Government of Tamil Nadu with laptops and certificates of appreciation. Each of these students has achieved something remarkable not just in the context of their personal journey, but in the context of Tamil Nadu's long-standing goals of equity and access.

These successes are the result of carefully designed support systems. The students received focused training in exams for admissions into various reputed institutions. We have built a strong support system to ensure that Adi Dravidar and tribal students are not left behind in their pursuit of education.

At every stage, from primary school to research, students receive scholarships that ease the financial pressures and help them stay in school. Free education, textbooks and uniforms further reduce the cost of learning, making it easier for families to keep their children in classrooms rather than at work.

Step by step: The Tamil Nadu government's breakfast scheme is among the many measures taken to improve access to education for the marginalised. FILE PHOTO

For students from remote areas, the government provides safe hostels with food and accommodation, removing the daily struggle of travel or lack of basic facilities. Alongside academic support, skill training programmes are conducted to prepare students for real-world employment. To ensure these students do not face entry barriers, the government also offers fee waivers and concessions for entrance exams to top institutions.

Together, these measures create a support ecosystem that extends beyond classrooms. These are efforts rooted in evidence and guided by principles of equality, beginning early and continuing throughout the student's educational journey. The impact of these efforts is visible in the increasing number of students from marginalised backgrounds securing seats in top institutions. In recent years, Tamil Nadu has consistently produced one of the most inclusive higher education landscapes in India.

Tamil Nadu's Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education stands at 47%, while the national average is 28.4%. Among women, Tamil Nadu's GER is 47.3%, against the national figure of 28.5%. These figures are the result of a political movement that placed social equity at the heart of governance, and an administrative system that has pursued that goal with seriousness and clarity.

The roots of this achievement lie in the social justice movement and the educational reforms initiated by the Justice Party and later institutionalised by the Dravidian movement.

In the year 1921, the Justice Party passed the historic Government Order, which came to be known as the Communal GO, that ensured access to education for children from all communities, particularly the marginalised.

Such early interventions laid the foundation for today's system. The governments formed by the DMK since 1967, built upon this legacy with transformative policies and schemes. These moves were not without resistance, but the party held firm to the belief that educational opportunity is a fundamental right for all, not only for a privileged few.

Our government continues to innovate. Schemes such as the Pudhumai Penn Thittam, which offers ₹1,000 per month as stipend to girl students from government or aided schools pursuing college education, are making a measurable impact in promoting higher education among women. The Illam Thedi Kalvi initiative, launched in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, has helped ensure educational continuity, bridging learning gaps among vulnerable communities. The free breakfast scheme for primary school students has improved attendance and nutrition, especially in rural and disadvantaged areas. Taken together, these schemes have contributed to the growing pipeline of students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are excelling in competitive environments. Importantly, these are not isolated success stories. They reflect a systemic change.

When students from disadvantaged sections of society make it to institutions of eminence, it reaffirms our core belief that excellence in education is not the preserve of the privileged, but the natural outcome of providing equal opportunity and support.

The 135 students we felicitated on July 31, 2025, represent more than individual achievement. They remind us that the governance model of Tamil Nadu, built on social justice, inclusivity and rational planning, works, and works well.

Their success is a collective one. It belongs to the families who supported them, to the teachers who guided them and to this government which designed and implemented the schemes that enabled them.

As we send them off to embark on the next stage of their academic journeys, we do so with pride and hope. We are confident that they will succeed in their chosen fields of study and become bright professionals in their future careers. Inspired by them, many more will follow in their footsteps, turning these few success stories into a wave of prosperity and upliftment.

We are aware that there are still inequalities to correct and challenges to be met, but we are clear-eyed about the path forward and the steps we need to take. The government will keep investing in schemes that unlock the potential of those who need them the most. We will ensure equal opportunities for all, guided by our cherished principles of social justice. We will empower our people through education, so we can keep building a Tamil Nadu that is just, prosperous and humane.

Congress has 'atom bomb' of evidence against EC, says Rahul; panel calls it 'wild allegation'

Alleging 'vote theft' by the poll body at the behest of the BJP, the Congress leader warns officials that they won't be spared for being 'involved' in such manipulation; EC says it is 'deplorable' that its staff are being threatened; Parliament disrupted over Bihar SIR, INDIA demands discussion on the issue

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Accusing the Election Commission (EC) of being involved in "vote *chori*" (vote theft), Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday said that his party had discovered evidence that would leave the poll body with "no place to hide". He compared the evidence in their possession to an "atom bomb".

Responding to Mr. Gandhi, the EC accused him of making "wild allegations" and said it was "deplorable" that the Opposition leader had started threatening the poll panel and its staff.

Mr. Gandhi asserted that it was an "open and shut case", and accused the poll panel of "stealing votes for the BJP". He also held out a warning to EC officials that they will not be spared as they were working against the country.

"I want to say that the persons in the EC doing this – right from the top to the bottom – we won't spare. You are working against India and this is treason. No matter where you are, retired or otherwise, we will find you," the Congress leader said.

"We believe that vote theft has happened at the State level [in Maharashtra]. Voter revision had happened and one crore voters were added. Then we went into detail, and with the EC not helping, decided to dig deep into this," he said.

Matter of discussion: Mallikarjun Kharge, Priyanka Gandhi and other leaders protesting on Parliament premises on Friday. ANI

"We got our own investigation done, it took six months and what we found is an atom bomb. When it explodes, the EC would have no place to hide anywhere in the country," he added.

A senior EC official said: "The Election Commission ignores such baseless allegations being made on a daily basis, and despite the daily threats being given, asks all election officials to ignore such irresponsible statements and work in a fair and transparent manner."

The exchanges came on a day when leaders of the INDIA bloc submitted a joint letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla demanding a discussion on the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar.

The issue also forced multiple disruptions in the Lok Sabha as Opposition members trooped into the well of the House with placards in their hands. Eventually, the House was adjourned for the day.

"I have said vote *chori* is happening and now we have open-and-shut proof that the EC is involved in vote *chori*. I am saying this with 100% proof. As soon as we release it, the whole country would know that the EC is indulging in vote *chori*. It is doing it for the BJP," Mr. Gandhi alleged.

On a day when the EC published its draft electoral rolls for Bihar, the Opposition intensified its campaign against the SIR, alleging the EC's exercise was aimed at "disenfranchising voters" ahead of the Assembly election.

The INDIA bloc leaders protested outside Parliament and wrote to the Lok Sabha Speaker, urging him to schedule a special discussion without any further delay.

Vice-Presidential poll to be held on Sept. 9; counting same day

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The election to the post of Vice-President will be held on September 9, and the counting of votes will take place the same day, the Election Commission (EC) announced on Friday.

The notification will be issued on August 7, and the last date for filing nomination papers will be August 21. The date for the scrutiny of nominations will be August 22 and the last date for withdrawal of candidatures is August 25.

September 9 is the date on which polling, if necessary, will be held, the EC said in a statement. The polling shall take place in Room No. F-101, Vasudha, First Floor, Parliament House, New Delhi.

The election has been necessitated due to the sudden resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar on July 21.

The Vice-President is elected by the members of an electoral college consisting of the members of Parliament.

For the election this year, which would be the 17th Vice-Presidential polls, the electoral college consists of 233 elected members of the Rajya Sabha (five seats are now vacant), 12 nominated members of the Rajya Sabha, and 543 elected members of the Lok Sabha (one seat is vacant).

The electoral college comprises a total of 788 members, out of which 782 will be able to vote. Since all the electors are members of Parliament, the value of the vote of each MP would be the same: one.

Opposition protest over Bihar electoral roll revision stalls Rajya Sabha proceedings

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha failed to function on Friday, as the Opposition intensified its protest demanding a discussion on the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar.

At 11 a.m., following the laying of papers, Deputy Chairman Harivansh informed the House that he had received 30 notices for adjournment motions, of which 21 were related to the SIR in Bihar. Citing precedents, he rejected the motions, which led to an uproar from the Opposition benches.

Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Manoj Kumar Jha urged the Chair to allow a discussion on the issue.

"This is a *sub judice* matter and the rules of this House are very clear. I cannot allow [a discussion]," he said, urging the protesting members to return to their seats. The House was then adjourned till noon.

Uproar in House: Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh conducts proceedings in the House amid protest on Friday. ANI

When the House reconvened, Opposition members resumed their protest. Trinamool Congress Parliamentary Party leader Derek O'Brien, DMK floor leader Tiruchi Siva, and Aam Aadmi Party leader Sanjay Singh attempted to enter the well of the House. They were initially stopped by marshals but eventually pushed past the blockade, following which the House was adjourned for the day.

Minutes after this, the Leader of the Opposition and Congress president, Mallikarjun Kharge, wrote to Mr. Harivansh, objecting to the deployment of security personnel. He said he was "shocked and astonished" to see CISF personnel being made to run inside the House.

Sharing the letter on X, Congress chief whip Jairam Ramesh said, "After the sudden and unprecedented resignation of the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, we are now seeing the takeover of the chamber of the Council of States by the personnel of the CISF."

Mr. O'Brien also criticised the government, stating: "Ten sittings of the monsoon session have gone by, we have been asking since Day One that we want a debate on SIR... But instead of listening to our demand, the government is continuing to disrupt Parliament. What we witnessed today has never happened in the history of the Rajya Sabha."

Government response

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju denied the Opposition's allegations. He said it was the MPs themselves who had demanded increased security, which led to the deployment of CISF personnel.

"Members have sometimes physically taken a stand atop the treasury table and near the well. Security has been deployed to stop them from doing this. Marshals and security inside the House will not take any action till the time MPs indulge in something malicious," he said.

Deletion of 65 lakh names just a beginning: Yogendra Yadav on draft voter list

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Yogendra Yadav, political analyst and founder of Swaraj Abhiyan, on Friday said that though the overall number of 7.24 crore voters on the draft voter list released by the Election Commission was not surprising, it was disappointing that the poll panel had not yet released the 65 lakh names that had been removed.

He said Bihar had 8.18 crore adults, according to the Census, but the draft rolls had only 7.24 crore names. "The EC is not even ashamed of it," he told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Yadav said, "The real game begins now." The category called "not recommended by the booth-level officer" would come up for special scrutiny, and the names in that category were likely to become the first candidates for deletion, he said, adding that those who failed to submit documents in the next month could also face deletion.

"The numbers could be huge," Mr. Yadav said, and added that, if anyone made objections, a lot of other voters could also find their names deleted from the list. "On these three grounds, people may still be eliminated. So 65 lakh is just the beginning," he said.

'Where is the list?'

"The EC has been proclaiming from the rooftop that they have made these deleted names available to the political parties. Where is the list? Sadly, the EC has not released that list and the format in which the EC has released the information today makes it virtually impossible to compare it with the previous list," he added. "It is virtually impossible to extract that information, and that is not befitting a constitutional authority like the EC. The list conceals more than it reveals," he said.

Mr. Yadav urged that the special intensive revision exercise should be scrapped. "This is not just an exercise for revision of electoral roll. It is an exercise for changing the architecture of India's universal adult franchise," he said.

INBRIEF

Vice-Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan takes charge as Navy vice-chief

Vice-Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan assumed charge as the Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS) on Friday. Upon assuming office, he paid homage to fallen personnel who made the supreme sacrifice in service of the nation by laying a wreath at the National War Memorial in New Delhi. The Indian Navy stated that Vice-Admiral Vatsayan is a specialist in gunnery and missile systems, and has held a broad spectrum of command, operational and staff appointments over a distinguished naval career spanning more than three decades. At sea, he has served aboard several frontline warships, including the guided missile destroyer *INS Mysore* and *INS Nishank*.

Indian naval ships arrive in Manila to strengthen ties

Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet arrived in Manila with *INS Delhi*, *Shakti*, and *Kiltan*, reaffirming maritime ties with the Philippines and commitment to the Indo-Pacific. The Navy said that as part of its ongoing operational deployment to Southeast Asia, the ships of the Eastern Fleet, commanded by Rear Admiral Susheel Menon, Flag Officer Commanding, Eastern Fleet, arrived at Manila. The ships were welcomed by personnel of the Philippine Navy. The visit is a testimony to Indian Navy's commitment to strengthening partnerships in the Indo-Pacific.

SC extends stay on defamation case against Shashi Tharoor

The Supreme Court on Friday asked why the complainant who initiated defamation proceedings against Congress MP Shashi Tharoor for his alleged "scorpion on Shivling" remark targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi is being "so touchy" and remarked there is hardly a case. "Why do you want to be so touchy about all this? Let us close all this," Justice M.M. Sundresh addressed BJP leader Rajeev Babbar's counsel. The court continued to extend the stay on the defamation proceedings in the trial court. The stay was originally granted in September 2024. On Friday, the court posted the case next for September 15. The case is based on a complaint filed by Mr. Babbar against Mr. Tharoor in 2018.

Centre halts order granting release of film *Udaipur Files*

The Centre on Friday informed the Delhi High Court that it was withdrawing its decision granting nod to the release of the film *Udaipur Files - Kanhaiya Lal Tailor Murder*, and will take a decision on the revision petitions "afresh". The court, which was hearing two pleas challenging the Centre's decision allowing the release of the movie, directed the parties to appear before the government on August 4 and make their submissions. The court was informed by counsel for the film's producer that the movie was scheduled to be released on August 8 and they would take some time for making arrangements for releasing it by engaging the theatres.

12th Fail named best film; Shah Rukh, Vikrant Massey, and Rani best actors

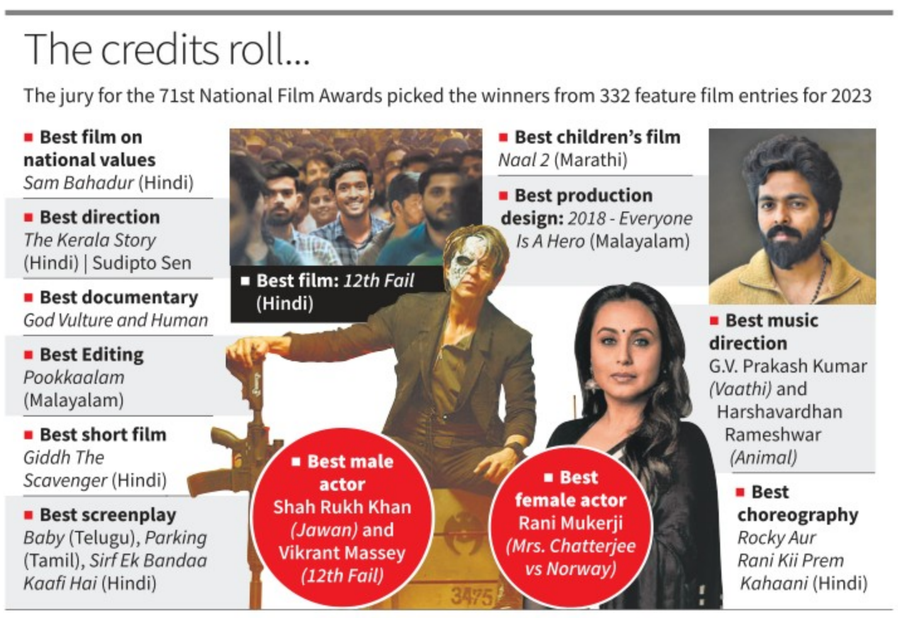
71st National Film Awards announced; best male actor award for a supporting role shared by Vijayaraghavan and Muthupettai Somu Bhaskar; Urvashi and Janki Bodiwala share best female actor award in the same category

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The best male actor award was shared by Shah Rukh Khan for *Jawan* and Vikrant Massey for *12th Fail*, which won the best feature film award at the 71st National Film Awards announced on Friday. Rani Mukerji was adjudged the best female actor for her role in *Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway*. This year, a total of 332 feature films, 115 non-feature films, 27 books, and 16 critics came for selection for the awards for 2023. Mr. Khan and Ms. Mukerji, senior artists, won the best actor awards for the first time.

The best male actor award for a supporting role was shared by Vijayaraghavan for *Pookkaalam* (Malayalam) and Muthupettai Somu Bhaskar for *Parking* (Tamil); Urvashi won the best female actor award for a supporting role for *Ullozhukku* (Malayalam) along with Janki Bodiwala for *Vash* (Gujarati). The best child artist award went to Sukriti Veni Bandreddi; Kabir Khandare; and Treesha Thosar, Shrinivas Pokale and Bhargav Jagtap, for *Gandhi Tatha Chettu* (Telugu), *Gypsy* (Marathi), and *Naal 2*, respectively.

The best direction award went to Sudipto Sen for *The Kerala Story* (Hindi), which was also recognised for best cinematography (Prasantanu Mohapatra). PVNS Rohit was adjudged the best male singer for the song *Premisthunna* in the film *Baby* (Telugu), which also won for the best screenplay (Sai Rajesh Neelam). Shilpa Rao won the title of best female singer for *Chaleya* in *Jawan* (Hindi).


The credits roll...
The jury for the 71st National Film Awards picked the winners from 332 feature film entries for 2023
Best film on national values
Sam Bahadur (Hindi)
Best direction
The Kerala Story (Hindi) | Sudipto Sen
Best documentary
God Vulture and Human
Best Editing
Pookkaalam (Malayalam)
Best short film
Giddh The Scavenger (Hindi)
Best screenplay
Baby (Telugu), Parking (Tamil), Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai (Hindi)
Best film: 12th Fail (Hindi)
Best male actor
Shah Rukh Khan (Jawan) and Vikrant Massey (12th Fail)
Best female actor
Rani Mukerji (Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway)
Best children's film
Naal 2 (Marathi)
Best production design: 2018 - Everyone Is A Hero (Malayalam)
Best music direction
G.V. Prakash Kumar (Vaathi) and Harshavardhan Rameshwar (Animal)
Best choreography
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (Hindi)

The award for best debut film was bagged by Ashish Bende for *Aatmapamphlet* (Marathi), and the best popular film by *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani* directed by Karan Johar. *Sam Bahadur*, directed by Meghna Gulzar, was recognised as the best film promoting national, social, and environmental values.

Naal 2 (Marathi), directed by Sudhakar Reddy Yakkanti, topped the best children's film category, while *Hanu-Man* (Telugu) won for be best film in animation, visual effects, gaming and comic category.

The awards for sound design were bagged by *Animal* (Hindi) (Sachin Sudhakaran and Hariharan Muralidharan); for editing by Midhun Murali in *Pookkaalam*; production design by Mohandas in *2018: Everyone Is A Hero* (Malayalam), music direction by G.V. Prakash Kumar in *Vaathi* (Tamil) and Harshavardhan Rameshwar in *Animal*; and lyrics by Karsarla Shyam in Balagam (*Ooru Palleturu* - Telugu).

The best choreography award went to Vaibhavi Merchant for *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani* (Dhindhora Baje Re); and the best action direction award (stunt choreography) to Nandu Prudhvi for *Hanu-Man*. Sam Bahadur, a biopic on Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, was named in categories for make-up and costume, while Sanya Malhotra-starrer *Kathal: A Jackfruit Mystery* was adjudged the best Hindi film.

Deepak Kingrani was recognised as the best dialogue writer for the Hindi film *Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai*. *Rongatapu 1982* (Assamese), *Deep Fridge* (Bengali), *Parking*, *Kandeelu* (Kannada), *Shyamchi Aai* (Marathi), *Pushkara* (Odia), *Godday Godday Chaa* (Punjabi), and *Bhagavanth Kesari* (Telugu) won in the language film categories.

The Hindi film *Flowering Man* won for the best non-feature film. The best documentary award went to *God Vulture* and *Human*; the best director award to Piyush Thakur for *The First Film*; and the best script award was bagged by Kannada short film *Sunflowers were the First Ones to Know* by Chidananda Nayak.

Whole nation fights war, not just military: Rajnath Singh

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Calling for an enhanced civil-military synergy, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday that war was not fought by the military alone, but by the whole nation.

Mr. Singh was addressing the 84th Armed Forces Headquarters (AFHQ) Civilian Services Day at DRDO Bhavan, where he said that in the "rapidly changing security scenario, there is a need to move ahead with dynamism and innovative spirit while making constant improvements according to the evolving needs", said a statement from the government.

The Minister said the "exceptional back-end support" provided by different departments of the Ministry of Defence to the Armed Forces was key to the success of Operation Sindoor.

"AFHQ Services acts as an institutional memory for the Ministry of Defence (MoD). It provides consistency, domain expertise and uniformity in the administration, while playing a key role in policy continuity and establishing civil-military synergy. It is a strong pillar of a modern and integrated national defence system," he said.

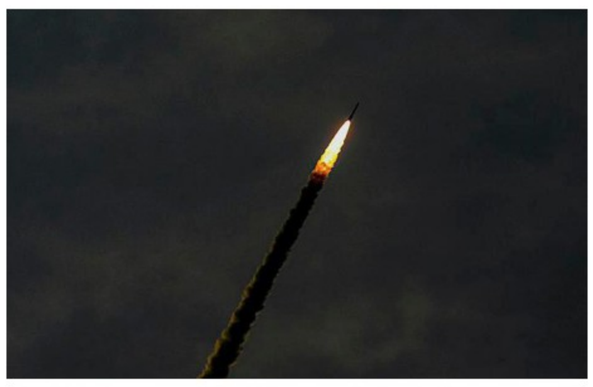
'Report on failure analysis of PSLV-C61/EOS-09 mission to be submitted to PM soon'

Tiki Rajwi
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The failure analysis committee has pinpointed the problem that caused the failure of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C61/Earth Observation Satellite-09 (PSLV-C61/EOS-09) mission in May, V. Narayanan, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), said on Friday.

The analysis is over and the committee's report will shortly be handed over to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr. Narayanan said on the sidelines of a programme here.

Mr. Narayanan described the problem as a "small" one, but said he could reveal the details only after the report is submitted to the Prime Minister.


The ISRO had said the PSLV-C61 performance was normal till Stage 2, but due to a snag in the third stage, the mission failed. PTI

The PSLV-C61/EOS-09 had a perfect lift-off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, on May 18. The mission's objective was to place the EOS-09 satellite in a sun-synchronous polar orbit. The mission failed to achieve its objective, causing an unusual setback for the space agency with the PSLV, often described as its trusted workhorse for its reliability. Immediately afterwards, the ISRO had stated that the "PSLV-C61 performance was normal till second stage. Due to an observation in the third stage, the mission could not be accomplished."

ISRO gearing up for next U.S. collaboration with BlueBird communications satellite

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is hoping to launch the Block 2 BlueBird communications satellite developed by the U.S.-based AST SpaceMobile in three or four months, Chairman of the space agency V. Narayanan said here on Friday.

This Indo-U.S. collaboration follows the NASA ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar Mission (NISAR) which the ISRO successfully launched on July 30 using the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV). The BlueBird satellite will be launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, aboard LVM3, ISRO's heftiest launch vehicle which was formerly known as the GSLV-Mk III,

V. Narayanan

he said.

The BlueBird satellite, weighing around 6,500 kg, is expected to arrive in India in September. Work is also progressing on the mission launch vehicle.

On whether U.S. President Donald Trump's trade policies would affect collaboration in science and technology, Mr. Narayanan said he "fully believes that whatever technology contracts that India has signed will be executed".

Mr. Narayanan reiterated ISRO's plans to have the first of three uncrewed missions planned ahead of the Gaganyaan human space flight in December 2025. The remaining two uncrewed missions are expected in 2026.

The ISRO had earlier announced plans to have the crewed mission in the first quarter of 2027. This schedule will be kept after studying the performance of the uncrewed missions.

On the development of the Gaganyaan programme, he said the human-rating of the launch vehicle has been completed. The development of the orbital module is in an "advanced stage", he said, adding the development of the crew escape system is nearing completion.

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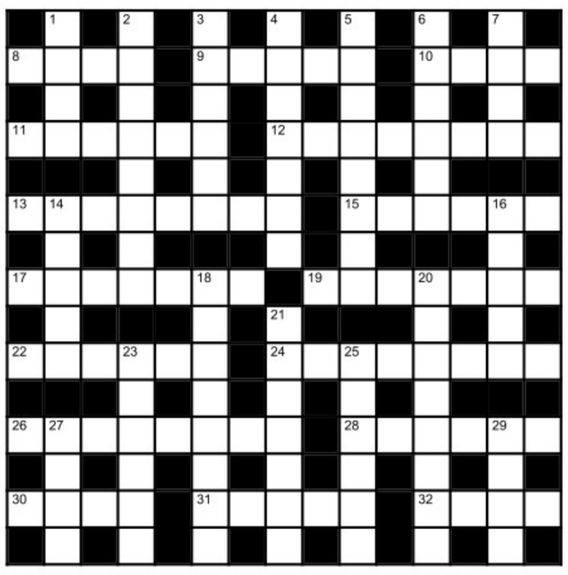

Across

8 Toneless singer at seaside town (4)
9 Place for heartbreak? (5)
10 Threw rose for cupid (4)
11 Believe director lost gold when travelling (6)
12 Mum's taking in tough dogs (8)
13 One on the Rolls, perhaps? (8)
15 Mohawk, for example, hid oar deviously (6)
17 Capital one invested in casino renovation (7)
19 Military unit starts to battle desperate extremists around country capital (7)
22 Women's rowing team's tonnage, perhaps (6)
24 Sailor boy in enclosure gets a bit of salad vegetables (8)
26 Badly hated fight in part of prison holding inmates awaiting execution (5,3)
28 Measure of volume of ship having no energy source (6)
30 This, for example: "Caught girl leaving glue" (4)
31 Guide cattle (5)
32 Military organisation running amok in the middle of mutiny? (4)

Down

1 Couple's normal around 1 (4)
2 Before John, Virginia consumes Indian dish (8)
3 Southern gate guard (6)
4 Instrument got from alien following president (7)
5 Luminous substance produced when developing photographs not having tag (8)
6 Celestial twins's jewel in India (6)
7 See a female kill time (4)
14 Ms West travels across Indiana state (5)
16 Avoid admitting director in Department of Government Efficiency at first (5)
18 What an uncle might want to collect unreasonably? (8)
20 Cad following aim put in full effort (2,3,3)
21 Animal in vehicle glared (7)
23 Drain person disembowelling carcass (6)
25 Garbo went around with model actor (6)
27 General returned with small fishes (4)
29 Drop ring at premier technical institution (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Bhakta Ramadasu

God does not forsake anyone during difficult times; on the contrary, He comes closer to the devotee who is beseeching Him for divine grace, said Suchithra Balasubramanian.

The devotion of Bhadrachala Ramadasu is a case in point. An ardent devotee of Rama, who gets initiated into Rama mantra, he falls upon bad times and is unable to conduct Rama Navami festivities. On the advice of his wife, he approaches his uncles who are high officials in the Moghul court. Rather than giving a handout, the uncles get the ruler to appoint him as tax collector of Bhadrachalam. An ecstatic Ramadasu proceeds there, only to find the temple in a dilapidated condition. With tacit agreement from the residents, he uses the money collected as tax to renovate the temple, hoping to replace the same once the harvest is done. However, the ruler notices the absence of tax money and Ramadasu is summoned. He tries to explain to the ruler that he had diverted the funds for a noble cause, but the ruler is firm. Ramadasu is sent on solitary confinement for 12 years; he is also caned. The poet composes numerous *kritis*, alternatively beseeching Rama for His forgiveness, pleading with Him, and even getting angry with Him. Ramadasu asks, "These hands which served you are beaten with rods. Who else will I tell all this to, Rama? You have a title that says you will save those who surrender to You," he reminds the Lord in his compositions. Rama and Lakshmana appear in a dream to the ruler, wherein Lakshmana gently pulls a thread from a piece of fabric belonging to Sita, and the exact amount of gold coins fall next to the ruler, as settlement of dues and Ramadasu is freed.

INBRIEF

NSE pays SEBI $4.6 mn to settle data sharing case

The National Stock Exchange of India has paid ₹403.5 million ($4.6 million) to the markets regulator to settle a case involving the indirect sharing of confidential information on listed companies with a third-party vendor. India's largest bourse operator shared the information with its unit NSE Data and Analytics Limited (NDAL) "for onward distribution to a 3rd party vendor, without having any legally binding agreement in place," SEBI said in its order. REUTERS

Volvo Car India introduces refreshed XC60 at ₹71.9 lakh

Volvo Car India on Friday introduced the refreshed XC60 Mild Hybrid SUV at an ex-showroom price of ₹71.9 lakh. "The XC60 has consistently been one of our most successful models globally. With the latest refreshed XC60, we are elevating the user experience to the next level, from a new-generation infotainment system and enhanced safety features to a contemporary Scandinavian design language," said Jyoti Malhotra, MD, Volvo Car India.

BIAL completes private placement of ₹9,000 cr. NCDs

Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL), the JV firm operating Bengaluru Airport, on Friday said it has completed the issuance of unlisted non-convertible debentures (NCDs) worth ₹9,000 crore. The transaction is being undertaken in two tranches – ₹4,362 crore completed on July 25 and ₹4,638 crore scheduled for early October this year – BIAL said. With a 15-year tenure, the refinancing allows the company to conserve capital, it said. PTI

'Suggest tough F&O entry barriers for retail clients'

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

The Association of National Exchanges Members of India (ANMI) recommended raising entry barriers for futures and options (F&O) trade to make cash markets attractive to retail participants, amid charges of market manipulation by U.S.' Jane Street.

President of the association K. Suresh suggested the conduct of an exam by bodies such as National Institute of Securities Market (NISM) or stipulating minimum net worth to enter futures and options.

NISM certification is already mandatory for research advisors and stock brokers among others.

As per SEBI, 9 out of 10 players lose money in derivatives market dominated by large traders and firms using algorithms to process and execute trades in seconds, a facility that is often not available to the average retail participant.

Maruti, M&M, Toyota sales rise, Hyundai, Tata Motors decline

Country's largest automaker posts marginal growth in total vehicle sales at 1.8 lakh units in July; SUVs contribute 71% to HMIL's domestic sales

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Maruti Suzuki India reported 3% growth in total vehicles sales at 1,80,526 units in July 2025, compared with 1,75,041 units in the year-ago period, amid softening demand in the domestic market.

The total sales in the month included domestic sales of 1,40,570 units, sales of 8,211 units to other original equipment manufacturers (OEM) and exports of 31,745 units.

Hyundai Motor India Ltd., (HMIL) achieved total domestic sales of 43,973 units during the month and exported 16,100 units compared with domestic sales of 49,013 units and export of 15,550 units in the year-ago period.

On a slow lane: Tata Motors' total PV dispatches in the domestic market declined 12% year-on-year to 39,521 units. REUTERS

Thus, total sales declined 7% to 60,073 units as compared with 64,563 units a year ago. SUVs contributed 71.8% to HMIL's monthly domestic sales in July 2025, the highest ever since inception, the company said. Tata Motors during the month reported 12% year-on-year (YoY) decline in passenger vehicle (PV) sales at 39,521 units. Toyota Kirloskar Motor saw sales volume grow 3% YoY to 32,575 units.

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.'s overall auto sales stood at 83,691 vehicles, a growth of 26%, including exports.

'U.S. sanctions force vessels with Russian oil to divert'

Reuters
NEW DELHI/MOSCOW

At least two vessels loaded with Russian oil bound for refiners in India have diverted to other destinations following new U.S. sanctions, trade sources said and LSEG trade flows showed.

The U.S. Treasury Department this week imposed sanctions on more than 115 Iran-linked individuals, entities, and ships, some of which are involved in transporting Russian oil.

U.S. President Donald Trump has urged countries to halt purchases of oil from Moscow, threatening 100% tariffs unless Russia agrees to a significant peace deal with Ukraine.

Meanwhile, another report said Indian state refiners stopped buying Russian oil in the past week as discounts narrowed this month and Mr. Trump warned countries not to purchase oil from Moscow, industry sources said.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,600	-0.72
US Dollar	87.18	0.53
Gold	97,620	-0.40
Brent oil	69.50	-4.19

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2350.90	-79.80
Adani Ports	1347.10	-26.00
Apollo Hosp	7351.50	-146.50
Asian Paints	2431.00	34.90
Axis Bank	1062.40	-6.00
Bajaj Auto	8044.50	36.50
Bajaj Finserv	1916.30	-31.70
Bajaj Finance	875.60	-5.60
Bharat Elec	377.20	-5.90
Bharti Airtel	1884.40	-29.90
Cipla	1502.80	-51.80
Coal India	372.50	-3.85
Dr Reddys Lab	1220.60	-49.70
Eicher Motors	5528.00	59.50
Eternal Ltd.	304.75	-3.05
Grasim Ind	2722.20	-24.20
HCL Tech	1452.10	-15.80
HDFC Bank	2012.20	-6.00
HDFC Life	741.70	-13.80
Hero MotoCorp	4311.60	50.90
Hindalco	672.45	-10.60
Hind Unilever	2553.70	32.50
ICICI Bank	1471.60	-9.80
IndusInd Bank	783.70	-15.20
Infosys	1469.60	-39.40
ITC	416.45	4.50
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	329.50	0.25
JSW Steel	1027.80	-20.50
Kotak Bank	1992.40	13.80
L&T	3587.30	-49.20
M&M	3159.30	-43.80
Maruti Suzuki	12302.00	-306.00
NestleIndia	2276.50	28.80
NTPC	330.90	-3.35
ONGC	236.79	-4.21
PowerGrid Corp	291.25	0.25
Reliance Ind	1393.70	3.50
SBI Life	1796.20	-44.50
State Bank	794.00	-2.55
Shriram Finance Ltd.	614.20	-16.65
Sun Pharma	1629.70	-77.00
TataConsumerProduct	1070.40	-2.80
Tata Motors	648.85	-17.10
Tata Steel	153.01	-4.93
TCS	3003.00	-33.80
Tech Mahindra	1438.80	-24.90
Titan	3316.00	-31.30
Trent Ltd.	5180.00	162.00
UltraTech Cement	12113.00	-136.00
Wipro	242.75	-5.55

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 01

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	87.34	87.66
Euro	99.60	99.97
British Pound	114.95	115.38
Japanese Yen (100)	58.04	58.25
Chinese Yuan	12.11	12.16
Swiss Franc	106.98	107.38
Singapore Dollar	67.24	67.50
Canadian Dollar	62.95	63.18
Malaysian Ringitt	20.40	20.53
Australian Dollar	56.10	56.32

Source:Indian Bank

July GST revenue up 7.5% to ₹1.96 lakh cr.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Government's gross revenue from Goods and Services Tax (GST) grew to ₹1.96 lakh crore in July, up 7.5% from the collections in July last year, and 6% higher than the collections in June 2025.

Refunds however, surged by nearly 67% to ₹27,147 crore in July 2025 compared with July last year. "It's heartening to see GST refunds picking up, not just for exports but also for domestic supplies," said Abhishek Jain, Indirect Tax Head and Partner at KPMG.

Renault buys Nissan's remaining 51% stake in joint unit in Chennai

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Renault Group on Friday said it had acquired Nissan's remaining 51% stake in Renault Nissan Automotive India Private Ltd. (RNAIPL), their joint plant in Chennai, thus becoming the sole owner. Renault Group now fully owns its Chennai plant and the strategic move strengthens the group's ambition to make India a key pillar of its international growth, the company said. Meanwhile, Stéphane Deblaise has been appointed as CEO of Renault Group in India, effective September 1.

"With full ownership of our plant in Chennai, we now have all the means to accelerate in India," said François Provost, CEO Renault Group.

Mr. Deblaise joined Renault Group in 2000.

'No need for Karnataka to give land for cheap to IT firms'

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Karnataka does not need to give away land for cheap to attract IT and technology industry firms as the State "incentivised IT as a sunrise industry 30 years back," while others are "incentivising it now," the State's Minister for Electronics, Information Technology & Biotechnology and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Priyank Kharge told *The Hindu* in an interview. Mr. Kharge was speaking at the sidelines of an event in the capital to promote the Bengaluru Tech Summit, due to be held in November.

"If my counterpart in another State is giving large tracts of land for free, that doesn't mean that I need to do that too," Mr. Kharge said, arguing that due to Karnataka and particularly Bengaluru's strong presence in the IT sector, such sops were not needed. "Competition with other countries and States [in IT and electronics] has always been there," Mr. Kharge said.

"We compete with Tamil Nadu on manufacturing, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh on ITES, and Maharashtra for FDI. We're also extremely competitive with countries like Indonesia and Vietnam, where there is potential for smaller hubs of manufacturing and technology firms. This constant competition is what keeps us ahead of the curve for reskilling, pushing for better policies, and better infrastructure," Mr. Kharge said.

Apple says it incurred tariff-related costs of $800 mn in Q3 of FY25

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Tech major Apple said it incurred a tariff-related cost of $800 million in Q3 of FY2025 and that it estimates the impact to add about $1.1 billion to costs in the September quarter.

For the June quarter, Apple incurred approximately $800 million of tariff-related costs, CEO Tim Cook said in the company's Q3 earnings announcement. "The June quarter saw a tariff-related cost of $800 million. For September quarter, we estimated impact to be $1.1 billion. So, about $2 billion will be the the cost impact from April to September, a six month period," the company said in response to a query from *The Hindu*.

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Employment Notification No. 12/2025

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Vijaypur, Jammu invites online applications for the following non-faculty posts on contract basis.

S.No	Name of Post	No. of Vacancy
1	Perfusionist	01
2.	Radiotherapy Technician Grade-II	01
3.	Endoscopy Technician	01

Important Dates.

Opening date of online Application forms/Job portal	30.07.2025 (Wednesday)
Last date of filling up online application form	13.08.2025 (Wednesday)
Last date of submit hard copy of Application form	18.08.2025 (Monday)

Important:- For further details like Essential Qualification, Experience, Upper Age limit, Terms & Conditions etc., Please visit AIIMS Jammu website **www.aiimsjammu.edu.in** under Recruitment > Open Job.

Sd/-
Registrar
For & on bahalf of ED & CEO, AIIMS,Vijaypur, Jammu

COCHIN INTERNATIONAL AVIATION SERVICES LTD.
TENDER NOTICE 02.08.2025

Sealed item rate tenders are invited from reputed contractors / firms for the below mentioned works of Cochin International Aviation Services Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Cochin International Airport Limited.

Sl No.	Name of Work	Estimated Amount (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	SITC OF ELV Works of New Hangar	37.64 Lakhs	1 Lakh	6 Months
2	SITC OF Electrical Works of New Hangar	83.3 Lakhs	2 Lakhs	6 Months
3	SITC OF Fire Protection Works of New Hangar	187 Lakhs	4 Lakhs	6 Months

For more details visit our website **www.ciasl.aero** or **www.cial.aero**, Ph: 0484-2611785, +91 9567621210, Email: **civil@ciasl.in**

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
O/o The Superintending Engineer, (Projects-C,N&EZ), GHMC, Hyderabad
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Tender Notice No. 04//SE (P-C,N&EZ)/GHMC/2025-26, Dt:31-07-2025
Name of Work: Construction of alternate roads around AOC centre under Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) / Turnkey Basis. **IBM Value:** Rs. 30700.74 Lakhs.

S.No.	Events	Date and Time
1.	Start date	04-08-2025 from 04.00 PM
2.	Pre-Bid Meeting	12-08-2025 at 03.00 PM Location: O/o Chief Engineer (Projects), GHMC 6th Floor, GHMC Head Office Tank Bund, Hyderabad.
3.	Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids	22-08-2025 upto 03.00 PM
4.	Opening of Technical bid	22-08-2025 after 04.00 PM
5.	Opening of Price bid	23-08-2025 after 04.00 PM

Note: The Bidders are advised to visit www.tender.telangana.gov.in to download Bid Document and EPC project Tender Drawings. Any Queries can be addressed to seprojectsnez@gmail.com. Address of the officer concerned Sri P.Mohan Reddy, SE(P-C,N&EZ), 9989930369. Superintending Engineer (P-C,N&EZ), Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad. Further details can be seen at 'e' Procurement **https://tender.telangana.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR R.O.No.5893-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt. 01.08.2025 (Projects-C,N&EZ), GHMC

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग, अजमेर
क्रमांकः- अमुअ/अज./तक./एफ-2(30ए)निविदा/डी-1433 दिनांकः- 21.07.2025
NIB No.:- PWD2526A2124

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से सीआरआईएफ योजनान्तर्गत वर्ष 2025-26 के तहत चार सड़क कार्यों के लिए उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं केन्द्रीय/राज्य सरकार व उनके अधिकृत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के एए श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 04 कार्यों जिसकी लागत राशि रू. 16300.18 लाख है, के लिए टेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

निविदा फार्म डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तारीख एवं समय	बुधवार 23 जुलाई, 2025 प्रातः 9.30 बजे से गुरूवार 21 अगस्त, 2025 सायं 6.00 बजे तक।

निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त विवरण वेबसाईट www.dipronline.org पर एवं निविदा दस्तावेज का विवरण वेबसाईट http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in एवं sppp.raj.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर ऑनलाईन सम्पादित की जायेगी।

UBN No.:- PWD2526WLOB07673 to PWD2526WLOB07676

अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता,
DIPR/C/10510/2025 सा.नि.वि., संभाग, अजमेर

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत्त-धौलपुर
क्रमांकः 1483-95 दिनांकः 21.07.2025
निविदा सूचना संख्याः 07/2025-26

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से **जिला धौलपुर में बजट वर्ष 2025-26 के अंतर्गत वृत धौलपुर के अधीन खण्ड धौलपुर, बाड़ी, बसेड़ी एवं राजाखेड़ा के तहत् सड़क कार्य (दोष निवारण अवधि 5 वर्ष सहित)** उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/केन्द्रीय सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/रेलवे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के विभिन्न सक्षम श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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S. No.	Package No.	NIB No.	UBN No.
1	विधानसभा क्षेत्र धौलपुर में नॉन-पेचेबल/मिसिंग लिंक सड़कों का निर्माण कार्य RJ-13-01-NP/ML/2025-26	PWD2526A2147	PWD2526 WSOB07755
2	विधानसभा क्षेत्र धौलपुर में नॉन-पेचेबल/मिसिंग लिंक सड़कों का निर्माण कार्य RJ-13-02-NP/ML/2025-26	PWD2526A2147	PWD2526 WSOB07756
3	विधानसभा क्षेत्र बाड़ी में नॉन-पेचेबल/मिसिंग लिंक सड़कों का निर्माण कार्य RJ-13-03-NP/ML/2025-26	PWD2526A2147	PWD2526 WSOB07757
4	विधानसभा क्षेत्र बाड़ी में नॉन-पेचेबल/मिसिंग लिंक सड़कों का निर्माण कार्य RJ-13-04-NP/ML/2025-26	PWD2526A2147	PWD2526 WSOB07759
5	विधानसभा क्षेत्र बाड़ी में नॉन-पेचेबल/मिसिंग लिंक सड़कों का निर्माण कार्य RJ-13-05-NP/ML/2025-26	PWD2526A2147	PWD2526 WSOB07760
6	विधानसभा क्षेत्र बसेड़ी में नॉन-पेचेबल/मिसिंग लिंक सड़कों का निर्माण कार्य RJ-13-06- NP/ML/2025-26	PWD2526A2147	PWD2526 WSOB07761
7	विधानसभा क्षेत्र बसेड़ी में नॉन-पेचेबल/मिसिंग लिंक सड़कों का निर्माण कार्य RJ-13-07-NP/ML/2025-26	PWD2526A2147	PWD2526 WSOB07762
8	विधानसभा क्षेत्र बसेड़ी में नॉन-पेचेबल/मिसिंग लिंक सड़कों का निर्माण कार्य RJ-13-08-NP/ML/2025-26	PWD2526A2147	PWD2526 WSOB07763
9	विधानसभा क्षेत्र बसेड़ी में नॉन-पेचेबल/मिसिंग लिंक सड़कों का निर्माण कार्य RJ-13-09-NP/ML/2025-26	PWD2526A2147	PWD2526 WSOB07764
10	विधानसभा क्षेत्र राजाखेड़ा में नॉन-पेचेबल/मिसिंग लिंक सड़कों का निर्माण कार्य RJ-13-10-NP/ML/2025-26	PWD2526A2147	PWD2526 WSOB07767
11	विधानसभा क्षेत्र राजाखेड़ा में नॉन-पेचेबल/मिसिंग लिंक सड़कों का निर्माण कार्य RJ-13-11-NP/ML/2025-26	PWD2526A2147	PWD2526 WSOB07770
12	विधानसभा क्षेत्र राजाखेड़ा में नॉन-पेचेबल/मिसिंग लिंक सड़कों का निर्माण कार्य RJ-13-12-NP/ML/2025-26	PWD2526A2147	PWD2526 WSOB07771

अधीक्षण अभियंता
DIPR/C/10543/2025 सा.नि.वि. वृत्त धौलपुर

THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED
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TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 09/25-26 DT: 02.08.2025
(Through KPP Portal only)

Tender is invited by "The Senior Manager (Materials)" for the following Tenders as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Description	EMD in Rs.
1	Hiring of Project Management Consultant (PMC) for Providing Water Supply Scheme to Hutti Gold Mines in Lingsugur Taluk of Raichur District from Basava Sagar Reservoir at Narayanpur. **HGML/2025-26/SE0056**	7,85,000/-

Calendar of Events: **(1)** Pre-Bid Meetings (Zoom): **08.08.2025 at 10.30 AM. (2)** Last date for receipt of tender: **16.08.2025 at 4.00 P.M. (3)** Opening of Technical Bid on: **18.08.2025 at 10.00 A.M.**
For further details interested bidders are advised to log on to website **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in KPP Portal.

Sd/-Senior Manager (Materials)
LEADING GOLD PRODUCER IN INDIA

Aeronautical Development Agency
(Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India)
PB No. 1718, Vimanapura Post, Bangalore-560017

CORRIGENDUM-1
EoI for Development of Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA)

ADA/AMCA/FSED/EOI/01-2025 Date: 31st Jul 2025

EoI No.	Brief Description	Corrigendum	Existing Due Date and Time	Revised Due Date and Time
ADA/AMCA/FSED/EOI/01-2025, dated 18th June 2025	EoI for Development of Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA)	Sections 2.1,2.2, 6 and associated annexures amended	16th August 2025, 5:00 PM	31st August 2025, 5:00 PM

Response to be submitted in hardcopy only, either to be deposited in the tender box at ADA or to be sent by Speed Post only to address below. The responses received after the due date & time will be treated as late submission and will not be considered.

Director (Materials Management)
Aeronautical Development Agency,
P.B. No. 1718, Vimanapura Post, Bangalore - 560017.

BEIRUT

At least four killed in Israeli strikes on southern and eastern Lebanon

AFP

A series of Israeli air strikes killed four in south and east Lebanon, the Health Ministry said on Friday, referring to strikes that occurred the previous evening. The Israeli military said it targeted Hezbollah "infrastructure that was used for producing and storing strategic weapons" in south Lebanon and the eastern Bekaa Valley. AFP

QUETTA

Afghans throng border as Pakistan issues a new call for them to leave

AFP

Pakistan issued a new call on Friday for Afghans living in the southwest to leave the country, triggering thousands to rush to the border. A deportation drive first launched in 2023 was renewed in April when Pakistan's government rescinded thousands of permits for Afghans, threatening to arrest anyone who did not leave. AFP

BOGOTA

Colombian former President Uribe sentenced to 12-year house arrest

AFP

A Colombian judge on Friday sentenced still-powerful former president Alvaro Uribe to 12 years of house arrest, capping a long and contentious career that defined Colombian politics for a generation. Mr. Uribe, aged 73, received the maximum possible sentence after being found guilty of witness tampering. AFP

SWEIDA

Protesters in Syria's Druze locality demand that govt. forces withdraw

REUTERS

Hundreds gathered in Syria's Druze heartland on Friday to demand the withdrawal of government forces after deadly sectarian violence last month and the opening of an aid corridor from Jordan. Sweida has seen tough humanitarian conditions since week-long clashes killed around 1,400 last month, according to a war monitor. AFP

Trump to deploy nuclear submarines in response to Medvedev's comments

Words are important, and can often lead to unintended consequences, says U.S. President; he does not specify if he meant nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed submarines; neither does he elaborate on the locations, kept secret by the U.S. military

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday that he had ordered the deployment of two nuclear submarines in response to "highly provocative" comments by a senior Russian official.

"Based on the highly provocative statements of the Former President of Russia, Dmitry Medvedev..., I have ordered two Nuclear Submarines to be positioned in the appropriate regions, just in case these foolish and inflammatory statements are more than just that," Mr. Trump posted on his Truth Social platform.

The U.S. keeps nuclear-armed submarines on patrol as part of its nuclear triad of land, sea and air-launched weapons. REUTERS

"Words are very important, and can often lead to unintended consequences, I hope this will not be one of those instances."

Mr. Trump did not say whether he meant nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed submarines. He also did not elaborate on the locations, which are kept secret by the U.S. military.

The United States and Russia control the vast majority of the world's nuclear weaponry, and Washington keeps nuclear-armed submarines on patrol as part of its so-called nuclear triad of land, sea and air-launched weapons.

Mr. Trump did not refer specifically to what Mr. Medvedev had said to prompt the highly unusual public display of nuclear saber-rattling.

However, Mr. Medvedev posted criticism on Thursday of Mr. Trump on his Telegram account and alluded to the "fabled 'Dead Hand'" – a reference to a highly secret automated system put in place during the Cold War to control the country's nuclear weapons.

This came after Mr. Trump had lashed out at what he called the "dead economies" of Russia and India.

Mr. Medvedev is currently deputy chairman of Russia's Security Council and a vocal proponent of President Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine – and generally antagonistic relations with the West.

Pakistan hails 19% tariffs under U.S. trade deal

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan on Friday announced that the U.S. has imposed a 19% tariff on its exports and termed the step as a "balanced and forward-looking" move that enhances the country's competitiveness in the American market. The new rate is down from the previous 29% tariff announced by U.S. President Donald Trump.

Welcoming the "successful conclusion" of the tariff-related discussions with the U.S., the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said, "As per the outcome of these talks, a tariff of 19% will be applicable for Pakistani exports to the U.S. market."

Trump unveils slew of new tariffs while punishing Canada

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Donald Trump

U.S. President Donald Trump unveiled new tariffs Thursday on nearly 70 countries – including a blistering 35% on neighbour Canada – as he seeks to reshape global trade to benefit the U.S. economy.

However, in a minor reprieve that opens the door to further negotiations, the White House said the measures will take effect in a week for most countries, not Friday as previously expected.

Mr. Trump raised duties on nearly 70 economies, from a current 10% level imposed in April when he unleashed "reciprocal" tariffs citing unfair trade practices.

Varying by partner

The new, steeper levels listed in an executive order vary by trading partner and go as high as 41%.

Any goods "transshipped" through other jurisdictions to avoid U.S. duties would be hit with an additional 40% tariff, the order said.

The American leader separately hiked tariffs on Canadian goods from 25% to 35% – starting on Friday.

Mr. Trump gave more time to neighbour and major trading partner Mexico, delaying for 90 days a threat to increase tariffs from 25% to 30%, after holding talks with President Claudia Sheinbaum.

Exemptions remain, however, for a wide range of Canadian and Mexican goods entering the U.S. under a North American trade pact.

Israel has killed more than 1,300 Gazans while seeking aid: UN

Agence France-Presse
GAZA CITY

Israeli forces have killed hundreds of hungry Palestinians waiting for aid outside U.S.-backed food distribution points, the UN's rights office said on Friday.

The UN's rights office in the Palestinian territories said at least 1,373 people had been killed seeking aid in Gaza since May 27 – 105 of them in the past two days.

"Most of these killings were committed by the Israeli military," the office said, breaking down the death toll into 859 killed near the U.S.-backed food sites and 514 along routes used by UN and aid agency convoys.

"These victims, the majority of whom appear to be young men and boys, are not just numbers," the office said.

Gaza's civil defence agency said 22 persons were killed by Israeli fire and air strikes on Friday, including two who were waiting near an aid distribution site run by the U.S.- and Israeli-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF).

Daily killings

In its report on the GHF centres on Friday, Human Rights Watch accused the Israeli military of illegally using starvation as a weapon of war. "Israeli forces are not only deliberately starving Palestinian civilians, but they are now gunning them down almost every day," said Belkis Wille, associate crisis and conflict director at Human Rights Watch.

Toll from Russian air strike on Ukraine capital reaches 31; at least 159 injured

Reuters
KYIV

Ukrainian rescuers recovered more than a dozen more bodies from the rubble of a collapsed apartment block in Kyiv overnight, bringing the death toll from Russia's worst air strike of the year on Ukraine's capital to 31.

A two-year-old was among the five children found dead after Thursday's sweeping Russian drone and missile attack, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Friday, announcing the end of a more than 24-hour-long rescue operation.

A total of 159 people were wounded in the multi-wave strike, in which Russia launched more than 300 drones and eight missiles early on Thursday, the latest in a campaign of fierce strikes on Ukrainian towns and cities.

Women cry in front of a residential building in Kyiv on Friday, that was destroyed in a Russian strike in the previous morning. AFP

The worst damage was to an apartment building that partially collapsed in the Sviatoshyn district in western Kyiv. Damage was also reported in at least three other districts of the capital.

U.S. President Donald Trump on Thursday sharply criticised Russia's "disgusting" behaviour against Ukraine, while saying he was not sure whether sanctions would deter Russia. He has given President Vladimir Putin until August 8 to make a deal or else he will respond with economic pressure.

Natalia Matviyenko, 65, sitting near the damaged apartment building, said she did not place much faith in the U.S. President's tough rhetoric.

"Trump just says, 'I'm upset with President Putin's behaviour.' And what? No results," she said.

The U.S. leader, who returned to power on a pledge to swiftly end the war, has in recent weeks rolled back his earlier conciliatory approach toward Moscow and signalled openness to arming Ukraine.

Intense strikes

Kyiv's air force said on Friday that Ukrainian air defences had destroyed more than 6,000 drones and missiles across the country in July alone.

"The world possesses every instrument required to ensure Russia is brought to justice," Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko wrote on X on Friday. "What is lacking is not power – but will," he added.

इंटरनेशनल एडवांस्ड रिसर्च सेंटर फॉर पाउडर मेटलर्जी एंड न्यू मटेरियल्स (एआरसीआई), हैदराबाद
(विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग, भारत सरकार का स्वायत्त अनुसंधान एवं विकास केंद्र)
आरसीआई, न्यू एअरपोर्ट रोड, बालापुर, हैदराबाद – 500 005, तेलंगाना
International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy & New Materials (ARCI)
(An Autonomous R&D Centre of Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India)
RCI-New Airport Road, Balapur, Hyderabad-500 005, Telangana.
Ph. Nos. 040-24452515/425/356, Email : rectt@arci.res.inl
ARCI

विज्ञापन संख्या/Advt . No.: ARCI/HRD/Projects/1/2025

वॉक-इन इंटरव्यू /WALK-IN INTERVIEWS
परियोजना एसोसिएट/तकनीकी सहायक/तकनीशियन
Project Associate/Technical Assistant/Technician

एआरसीआई वॉक-इन इंटरव्यू के माध्यम द्वारा निम्नलिखित परियोजना स्टाफ को नियोजित करना चाहता है:
ARCI is looking to engage following Project Staff through walk-in Interviews:

	Project Associate II	Project Associate I	Project Technical Assistant	Project Technician
No. of Posts	01	02	19	6
Fixed salary Rs.	35,000/- or 28,000/- + HRA	31,000/- or 25,000/- + HRA	27,000/- or 25,000/- or 20,000/- + HRA	27,000/- + HRA
Interview Date	11th August, 2025	11th August, 2025	12th & 13th August, 2025	14th August, 2025

ऑनलाइन आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि 06.08.2025 है
Last Date for submission of Online Applications is 06.08.2025
पूरी जानकारी के लिए लॉग ऑन करें/For complete details, log on to: https://www.arci.res.in/careers.html

Office of the Medical Superintendent
RUHS Hospital of Medical Sciences, Jaipur
Sector-11, Kumbha Marg, Pratap Nagar, Tonk Road, Jaipur -302033(Raj.)
दूरभाष: 0141-2795577, Email: supdt.hms@ruhsraj.org, ruhshmstore@ruhsraj.org
No. :- F. ( ) RUHS HMS/Store/2025-26/7501 Date :- 31/07/2025

Notice Inviting e-Bids

Single Stage Two envelope Online bids (e-bids) are invited up to 02.00 pm of 28-08-2025 for Supply and Installation of Various Equipment/Items at Dept. of Ophthalmology, RUHS Hospital of Medical Sciences, Jaipur. (Total Est. Cost Rs. 6,17,00,000.00). Details may be seen in the Bidding Documents at the Website **sppp.raj.nic.in, or eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. UBN : CMS2526GLOB00064-68, 71-72, 75-77, CMS2526GSOB00069-70, 73-74**

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Notice Inviting Bid No. 04/2024-25 & 05/2024-25, Corrigendum No. 08

Due to unavoidable circumstances bid submission date of this office NIT no. 04/2024-25 & 05/2024-25 has extended and last date of submission has been made as date 08.09.2025. Other terms and conditions will remain as per Tender Documents.

NIT 04/2025-25 UBN No: PHE2425WLOB07192, NIB Code: PHE2425A3390
NIT 05/2025-25 UBN No: PHE2425WLOB07193, NIB Code: PHE2425A3391

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2	TNSDC-NM-AVP02	Associate Vice President – Media	1
3	TNSDC-A-AVP01	Associate Vice President – Assessment	1
4	TNSDC-VN-PM01	Program Manager – Vetri Nichayam	5
5	TNSDC-NM-PM01	Program Manager – Naan Mudhalvan	13
6	TNSDC-A-PM01	Program Manager – Assessment	1
7	TNSDC-C-PM01	Program Manager – Curriculum Development	2
8	TNSDC-A-SA01	Senior Associate – Assessment	1
9	TNSDC-VN-SA01	Senior Associate – Vetri Nichayam	1
10	TNSDC-NM-SA01	Senior Associate – IT (Frontend Developer)	1
11	TNSDC-NM-SA02	Senior Associate – IT (Full Stack Developer)	1
12	TNSDC-NM-SA03	Senior Associate – HR	1
13	TNSDC-NM-SA04	Senior Associate – Media	2
14	TNSDC-NM-SA05	Senior Associate – Services	1
15	TNSDC-VN-ZAM01	Zonal Account Manager	5
16	TNSDC-A-PA01	Project Associate – Assessment	2
17	TNSDC-NM-PA01	Project Associate – Naan Mudhalvan	31
18	TNSDC-C-PA01	Project Associate – Curriculum Development	1
19	TNSDC-VN-JA01	Junior Associate – Vetri Nichayam	1
20	TNSDC-NM-YP01	Young Professional – Naan Mudhalvan	13
21	TNSDC-C-YP03	Young Professional – Curriculum Development	2
22	TNSDC-A-YP03	Young Professional – Assessment	1
23	TNSDC-VN-PE01	Program Executive – Vetri Nichayam	38
		Total	**126**

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West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Undertaking)
HIDCO BHABAN, Premises No. 35-1111, Biswa Bangla Sarani, 3rd Rotary, New Town, Kolkata-700156
Memo No. C–229/1/HIDCO/Admn-4206/2024 Date 30.07.2025
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PLOT NO.	PLOT SIZE	E-AUCTION DATE	LAST DATE OF APPLICATION
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FOCUS ON PROCESS

I've been picked because I can do the job for the team, says Prasidh

AP

Prasidh Krishna returned to India's final XI after two games, and claimed four wickets. "I have been picked here because I can do the job. Not playing games can make me go to the drawing board," he said. "I'm here to do the job for the team. It's the process, and not performance for me," he added.

RUNNING RIOT

Atkinson has second-best figures by a pacer versus India at The Oval

REUTERS

England pacer Gus Atkinson secured his fourth Test five-wicket haul during the fifth Test against India, securing the second-best bowling figures (five for 33) by a seamer against India at The Oval. Gubby Allen (seven for 80, 1936) holds the record for the best bowling performance by a speedster against the Indians at this venue.

OPENING SALVO

Duckett-Crawley duo has most 50-plus stands against India

GETTY IMAGES

England's Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett stitched together their eighth fifty-plus partnership against India in the fifth Test at The Oval. The duo now has the most half-century partnerships against the Indians in Tests among openers. Crawley and Duckett also went past other pairs, including Alastair Cook and Andrew Strauss.

MAJOR SETBACK

Injured Woakes will take no further part in Oval Test

GETTY IMAGES

England seamer Chris Woakes has been ruled out for the rest of the final Test against India after injuring his shoulder. Woakes slipped and fell while fielding on the first day at The Oval and left the field in pain with his arm tucked into his sweater for support. His injury leaves England short of a fast bowler and a lower-order batter.

Prasidh and Siraj lead India's spirited fightback

The two combine to bowl England out for 247 after a breezy opening partnership; Jaiswal's fifty helps the visitors erase the slender lead and finish 52 runs ahead with eight wickets in hand

INDIA IN ENGLAND

Shayan Acharya
LONDON

Friday afternoon at The Oval epitomised the ebbs and flows that have come to define the game's longest format in recent times.

Just like the fickle English weather, India's fast bowlers bounced back after a jaded first session, where Zak Crawley (64, 57b, 14x4) and Ben Duckett (43, 38b, 5x4, 2x6) added 92 inside 13 overs.

England went to lunch at 109 for one. However, things changed drastically as Mohammed Siraj's eight-over spell got him three wickets after the break and helped India restrict the home side to 247.

In the final session, Yashasvi Jaiswal's whirlwind unbeaten 51 off 49 guided India to 75 for two, a lead of 52 runs. Making the most of a couple of reprieves, Jaiswal found his rhythm after a string of low scores.

Stellar show: Prasidh and Siraj scalped four each to bring India back into the contest while Jaiswal rode his luck to smash a quick-fire half-century in the second innings. GETTY IMAGES, AP & PTI

Falling like nine pins

On a surface, where 15 wickets fell in a day, K.L. Rahul looked jittery before falling to Joe Root at slips. B. Sai Sudharsan, too, could not last long as he was trapped leg-before by Gus Atkinson in what turned out to be the final over of the day.

Earlier, in the opening session, India folded up for 224, adding just 20 runs to its overnight tally and losing the last four wickets. The England openers came up with a whirlwind reply, where they took the Indian seamers to the cleaners.

The Indian bowlers desperately needed to make some adjustments. As Akash Deep and Prasidh Krishna pitched the ball a bit fuller and also bowled straighter, England eventually fell into the trap as it lost its last eight wickets for 118 runs.

Vital strike

Prasidh, coming in as a replacement for Jasprit Bumrah, struck in his first over of the post-lunch session, tempting Crawley to miscue a pull and the resultant top edge was snapped up by Ravindra Jadeja. Back into the attack, Siraj had an immediate impact as he trapped Ollie Pope in front with a sharp in-ducker, off his fourth ball.

England panicked as Joe Root, after looking uncomfortable and getting into a war of words with Prasidh, was trapped leg-before. Siraj struck Jacob Bethell plumb in front with an in-swinging yorker.

Shrugging off the disappointment of a forgettable first session, Siraj, who has played in all five Tests, looked rejuvenated as his second spell not only brought India back into the game, but also inspired his teammates. Prasidh took a cue from Siraj and ensured that Jamie Smith edged one to K.L. Rahul at second slip as the wicketkeeper-batter failed to adjust to the length delivery. From cruising at one point in time, it suddenly looked that England would concede a first-innings lead, but Harry Brook's 53 ensured the hosts a slender lead of 23 runs. Both Siraj and Prasidh scalped four each.

Earlier, India lost its last four wickets in 29 minutes, with Atkinson completing his five-wicket haul.

Karun Nair, who scored a fifty on the opening day, was lbw to Josh Tongue for 57 while Washington Sundar fell to the short-ball ploy.

And as none of the tailenders could step up, the Indian innings ended up with a whimper before the stirring fightback by Siraj and Prasidh.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS

Yashasvi Jaiswal lbw b Atkinson 2 (*9b*), K.L. Rahul b Woakes 14 (*40b, 1x4*), B. Sai Sudharsan c Smith b Tongue 38 (*108b, 6x4*), Shubman Gill run out 21 (*35b, 4x4*), Karun Nair lbw b Tongue 57 (*109b, 8x4*), Ravindra Jadeja c Smith b Tongue 9 *(13b, 1x4)*, Dhruv Jurel c Brook b Atkinson 19 *(40b, 2x4)*, Washington Sundar c Overton b Atkinson 26 (*55b, 3x4*), Akash Deep (not out) 0 (*7b*), Mohammed Siraj b Atkinson 0 (*4b*), Prasidh Krishna c Smith b Atkinson 0 (*2b*); Extras (b-12, lb-6, nb-4, w-16): 38; Total (in 69.4 overs): 224.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-10 (Jaiswal, 3.1 overs), 2-38 (Rahul, 15.1), 3-83 (Gill, 27.2), 4-101 (Sai Sudharsan, 35.4), 5-123 (Jadeja, 39.3), 6-153 (Jurel, 49.3), 7-218 (Karun, 66.5), 8-220 (Washington, 67.4), 9-224 (Siraj, 69.2).

ENGLAND BOWLING

Woakes 14-1-46-1, Atkinson 21.4-8-33-5, Tongue 16-4-57-3, Overton 16-0-66-0, Bethell 2-1-4-0.

ENGLAND — 1ST INNINGS

Zak Crawley c Jadeja b Prasidh 64 (*57b, 14x4*), Ben Duckett c Jurel b Akash 43 (*38b, 5x4, 2x6*), Ollie Pope lbw b Siraj 22 (*44b, 4x4*), Joe Root lbw b Siraj 29 (*45b, 6x4*), Harry Brook b Siraj 53 (64*b, 5x4, 1x6*), Jacob Bethell lbw b Siraj 6 (*14b, 1x4*), Jamie Smith c Rahul b Prasidh 8 (*22b, 1x4*), Jamie Overton lbw b Prasidh 0 *(4b)*, Gus Atkinson c Akash b Prasidh 11 *(16b, 2x4)*, Josh Tongue (not out) 0 *(7b)*, Chris Woakes absent hurt; Extras (b-6, lb-2, nb-3): 11; Total (in 51.2 overs): 247.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-92 (Duckett, 12.5 overs), 2-129 (Crawley, 21.1), 3-142 (Pope, 24.4), 4-175 (Root, 32.6), 5-195 (Bethell, 36.4), 6-215 (Smith, 42.1), 7-215 (Overton, 42.5), 8-235 (Atkinson, 46.5), 9-247 (Brook, 51.2).

INDIA BOWLING

Siraj 16.2-1-86-4, Akash 17-0-80-1, Prasidh 16-1-62-4, Jadeja 2-0-11-0.

INDIA — 2ND INNINGS

Jaiswal (batting) 51 (*49b, 7x4, 2x6*), Rahul c Root b Tongue 7 (*28b, 1x4*), Sai Sudharsan lbw b Atkinson 11 (*29b, 1x4*), Akash (batting) 4 (*2b, 1x4*); Extras (lb-2): 2; Total (for two wkts. in 18 overs): 75.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-46 (Rahul, 9.5), 2-70 (Sai Sudharsan, 17.2).

ENGLAND BOWLING

Atkinson 6-2-26-1, Tongue 7-1-25-1, Overton 5-1-22-0.

A day for Thorpey: remembering Graham on his birth anniversary

Shayan Acharya
LONDON

The England cricketers and fans remembered Graham Thorpe on his 56th birth anniversary on Friday.

The former England batter passed away last August in Surrey, with a coroner ruling the death a suicide.

It was indeed a 'A Day for Thorpey' at The Oval, as his friends and teammates paid tribute to the left-hander, who scored 6,744 Test runs at an average of 44.66 in 100 matches from 1993 to 2005.

The players wore headbands, with a silhouette of Thorpe and his initials, during the training.

Honouring a legacy: Thorpe's wife Amanda and daughter Emma ring the bell ahead of the second day's play at The Oval. REUTERS

His wife Amanda and daughter Emma were present to ring the bell ahead of the second day's play.

Ben Stokes recalled the impact Thorpe had on his career and the team. "Thorpey has been a very influential character as a player and a coach in English cricket.

"A few of us in that dressing room spent a lot of time with him coming through the ranks and, as we got into the main (England) team, Thorpey spent a lot of years around us," Stokes said.

Surrey, the club that Thorpe represented throughout his career, also honoured his legacy with a mural outside the ground.

(Assistance for overcoming suicidal thoughts is available on Tele-MANAS 14416 and Sneha's suicide prevention helpline 044-24640050).

Norris completes Hungarian practice double as McLaren dominates

FORMULA ONE

Reuters
BUDAPEST

Lando Norris completed a Hungarian Grand Prix practice double on Friday as runaway leader McLaren dominated both sessions while leaving something in reserve and almost colliding at the end.

Norris was top of the time sheets in both sessions at the Hungaroring, with Formula One leader Oscar Piastri second and Ferrari's Charles Leclerc emerging as McLaren's closest rival.

Narrow margins: Norris was 0.291 of a second faster than teammate Piastri. AFP

The Briton was 0.291 quicker in the late afternoon when he set a best lap of 1m 15.624s.

Leclerc was third fastest in both sessions, with Racing Bulls' French rookie Isack Hadjar fourth in the opening one but Aston Martin coming on strong in the second with Lance Stroll fourth and Fernando Alonso fifth.

Double world champion Alonso had missed practice one due to back pain, with Brazilian reserve Felipe Drugovich standing in for him.

Lewis Hamilton was fifth and sixth on his return with Ferrari.

George Russell ended with seventh, and Italian rookie Kimi Antonelli 10th.

Red Bull's reigning champion Max Verstappen was ninth and 14th respectively in the sessions, with Japanese teammate Yuki Tsunoda 17th and ninth.

Sunday's race is the last before Formula One's August break.

INBRIEF

Skipper Santner to the fore as New Zealand canters to win

New Zealand captain Mitchell Santner took four wickets with his left-arm spin as the Black Caps completed a nine-wicket win on the third day of the first Test against Zimbabwe on Friday. Zimbabwe managed to avoid an innings defeat but New Zealand needed only eight runs to win. The two-match series is not part of the World Test Championship.

The scores: Zimbabwe 149 & 165 in 67.1 overs (Williams 49, Santner 4/27) lost to New Zealand 307 & 8/1 in 2.2 overs. **PoM:** Henry.

Saim shines as Pakistan beats West Indies in first T20I

Pakistan beat the West Indies by 14 runs in the opening T20 International at Lauderhill, USA, on Thursday. The Pakistani spinners put the brakes on the West Indies in its chase of 179. Earlier, Saim Ayub posted a half-century as Pakistan posted 178 for six. It was the sixth successive T20I loss for the Caribbean side. The second game of the three-match series will be played at the same venue on Saturday.

The scores: Pakistan 178/6 in 20 overs (Saim Ayub 57, Shamar Joseph 3/30) bt West Indies 164/7 in 20 overs (Johnson Charles 35, Jewel Andrew 35, Jason Holder 30 n.o., Mohammad Nawaz 3/23, Saim Ayub 2/20). **Toss:** West Indies; **PoM:** Saim.

India racks up medals in World u-17 wrestling c'ships

Following Rachana (43kg), Ashvini Vishnoi (65kg) added another gold medal to India's kitty in the women's section at the World under-17 wrestling championships in Athens. Moni (57kg) and Kajal (73kg) took silver medals. Freestyle wrestler Lacky (110kg) produced some dominating performances to reach the gold-medal match.

LIVE TELECAST

England vs India: 5th Test, day 3, Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3.30 p.m.

Football: Durand Cup, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 4 & 7 p.m.

Formula One: Hungarian GP (Qualifying), F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 7.30 p.m.

Tennis: ATP Masters, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10 p.m.& 4.30 a.m. (Sunday)

WI vs Pakistan: 2nd T20I, FanCode, 5.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Lakshya, Tharun enter the semifinals; Satwik and Chirag duo bows out

The former will be up against fifth seed Indonesian Alwi, while the latter will take on Malaysia's Hoh in the last-four round at the Macau Open

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
MACAU

Lakshya Sen and M. Tharun advanced to the men's singles semifinals of the Macau Open Super 300 badminton tournament after registering hard-fought wins here on Friday.

Taking the court first, the 23-year-old Tharun, ranked 47th in the world, showcased speed and a versatile shot selection to edge out China's 87th ranked Hu Zhe 21-12, 13-21, 21-18 in a 75-minute battle.

Later in the day, Lakshya, a Commonwealth Games gold medallist and second seed here, eked out a tough 21-14, 18-21, 21-14 victory over Xuan Chen Zhu of China in his quarterfinal that lasted one hour and three minutes.

Tough outing: Lakshya was stretched to three games before getting the better of Zhu. FILE PHOTO: AFP

Lakshya will be up against fifth seed Alwi Farhan of Indonesia while Tharun will take on Malaysia's Justin Hoh in the last-four round.

This marks Tharun's maiden semifinal appearance at a BWF Super 300 event. He had reached the quarterfinals at the German Open in February.

However, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty bowed out of the tournament after losing 14-21, 21-13, 20-22 to the Malaysian combination of Choong Hon Jian and Haikal Muhammad in the quarterfinals.

Tharun, who joined the Pullela Gopichand Academy four years ago, has focused on improving his fitness, agility, and movement over the past two years. His hard work paid off this week as he also stunned top seed Lee Cheuk Yiu of Hong Kong in the last eight.

Lakshya had to work hard to get past World No. 77 Xuan.

The Indian produced a dominating show in the opening game, building on an early 9-4 lead to quickly move to 15-8 and pocketing the game.

However, Xuan made a spirited comeback in the second game, erasing a 5-10 and 14-17 deficit to take the match to the decider.

Lakshya got back his bearing in the third game, surging to 7-1 early on and even though Xuan made it 9-11, the Indian managed to stay ahead to come up trumps.

The results (quarterfinals):
Men: Lakshya Sen bt Xuan Chen Zhu 21-14, 18-21, 21-14; M. Tharun bt Hu Zhe 21-12, 13-21, 21-18.
Doubles: Choong Hon Jian & Haikal Muhammad bt Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty 21-14, 13-21, 22-20.

Indian teams qualify for 2026 WTTC

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Indian men's and women's table tennis teams have booked their places for the World Table Tennis Championships (WTTC) in London after a stellar show at the 2025 South Asia regional championships held in Kathmandu.

Both teams emerged undefeated in the five-nation round-robin format.

The men's team of Akash Pal, Ronit Bhanja, Anirban Ghosh, P.B. Abhinand and Divyansh Srivastava beat Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Maldives by identical 3-0 margins. The women's team of Krittwika Sinha, Selenadeepthi Selvakumar, Taneesha Kotecha, Sayali Wani, and Syndrela Das also posted 3-0 wins over the same four opponents.

SAI felicitates young medal-winning archers Jadhav and Bhardwaj

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

World University Games champion archer Sahil Jadhav said coach Rahul Banerjee's pep talk helped him clinch the gold medal in the keenly-contested compound men's individual final in Essen, Germany, recently.

On his maiden international trip, Jadhav, who has not won an individual medal at the National level, was delighted after defeating his compatriot Kushal Dalal in the semifinals.

"I was happy to have secured an individual medal. But Rahul bhaiya said, 'If you want to be a champion, you should not nurture such a mindset.' His words inspired me for the final," said Jadhav, who pipped Great Britain's Ajay Scott 149-148 in the title clash, at a felicitation function organised by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) regional centre here on Friday.

Proud marksmen: Bhardwaj, left, and Jadhav show off their recent prizes. SAI MEDIA

"I have gone through so many trials and competitions without any success. When I got the opportunity, I wanted to make it count."

Coming from a humble background in Satara district, Maharashtra, the 24-year-old, who was trained by Pravin Sawant before being coached by SAI's Haresh Kumar, has overcome a phase of frustration to dream big. "I want to go step-by-step, but the ultimate goal is the Olympics," said Jadhav.

Hailing from East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, 22-year-old recurve archer Shrey Bhardwaj, who claimed gold medals in outdoor, 3D and field archery at the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) in Birmingham, USA, said the SAI centre's support played a crucial role in his success.

"I trained during the day and in the evenings and put rocks on the ground to prepare for different formats of the WPFG," said Bhardwaj, proving that switching from cricket to archery was the correct decision for him.

SAI National Centre of Excellence Regional Director-in-charge Amar Jyoti lauded the archers for carrying forward the legacy of the centre.

Shardul to lead West Zone

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

India all-rounder Shardul Thakur has been appointed the West Zone captain for the Duleep Trophy, to be played in Bengaluru from September 4. The 15-member squad was picked by the chief selectors of all the five member associations from West Zone.

The squad: Shardul Thakur (Capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shreyas Iyer, Sarfaraz Khan, Shams Mulani, Tanush Kotian, Tushar Deshpande (all Mumbai), Aarya Desai, Jaymeet Patel, Manan Hingrajia, Arzan Nagwaswalla (all Gujarat), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Saurabh Nawale (wk, both Maharashtra), Harvik Desai (wk) and Dharmendra Jadeja (both Saurashtra). **Stand-bys:** Mahesh Pithiya, Shivalik Shama (both Baroda), Mukesh Choudhary (Maharashtra), Siddharath Desai, Chintan Gaja, Urvil Patel (all Gujarat), and Musheer Khan (Mumbai).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Kaashvi with her twin trophies. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Kemp thumps United FC Kodagu

Kemp FC blanked United FC Kodagu 3-0 in the KSFA Karnataka Women's League football tournament on Friday.

The results: Kemp FC 3 (Ruchi 7, 45+3, Amisha Baxla 34) bt United FC Kodagu 0.

Misaka United FC 1 (LhingneiLam Kipgen 26) bt Maatru Prathishtana FC 0.

Double delight for Kaashvi

Karnataka's Kaashvi Venkat Konanki secured both the singles and doubles crowns at the AITA under-12 Super Series tournament in Jodhpur.

The results (finals):
Singles: Kaashvi Venkat Konanki bt Dhaniska Mahanta 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Doubles: Kaashvi & Dhaniska Mahanta bt Jyotsana Singh & Lekhashri 6-2, 2-6, [10-3].

Rahil snatches pole position from Chiranth

Stellar drive: Rahil produced a late lap of 1:10.972s. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau

Rahil Pillarisetty (RACR Castrol Power1) produced a stunning lap (1:10.972s) late in the qualifying session to snatch the pole position from Chiranth Vishwanath (Petronas TVS Racing, 1:11.249s) in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category, kickstarting his campaign in the Rolon Round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2025 at the Kari Motor Speedway in Coimbatore on Friday.

Raj Kumar (Motul Sparks Racing) in Super Stock 165cc Intermediate, Mohamed Mikail (Mad Rabbit Racing) in Stock 301-400cc (Novice), and Charu Sreekara Kedarnadh (Motul KTM Gusto Racing India) in Stock 165cc (Novice) secured pole positions in their respective categories.

Raivat Dhar starts at pole in the Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (Honda CB300F), while in the Petronas TVS India One-Make Championship, Mohan Babu (Expert) and Jagathishree Kumaresan (Women's) claimed pole positions in their respective classes.

The results: Provisional results (Qualifying – top 3 best laps): National Championship: Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open: 1. Rahil Pillarisetty (RACR Castrol Power1) 1:10.972s; Chiranth Vishwanath (Petronas TVS Racing) 1:11.249; Sarthak Chavan (Petronas TVS Racing) 1:11.262.

Super Stock 165cc Intermediate: Raj Kumar (Motul Sparks Racing) 1:23.303; Mohammed Samrul Zubair (Motul Sparks Racing) 1:24.517; Kamal Navas (Rockers Racing) 1:24.683.

Stock 301-400cc (Novice): Mohamed Mikail (Mad Rabbit Racing) 1:18.533; Varun Patil (Mad Rabbit Racing) 1:19.447; Jagadeesh Nagaraj (Motul Sparks Racing) 1:19.703.

Stock 165cc (Novice): Charu Sreekara Kedarnadh (Motul KTM Gusto Racing India) 1:27.101; Tejash B.A. (Mad Rabbit Racing) 1:27.428; Rajender Beedani (MAI Racing) 1:27.433.

Petronas TVS India One-Make Championship: Expert (Apache RR 310): P. Mohan Babu 1:16.625; Siddesh Sawant 1:17.099; Abdul Basim 1:17:310.

Women (Apache RTR 200): Jagathishree Kumaresan 1:27.718; 2. S.P. Shuria 1:28.185; Elakiya Ravi 1:28.580.

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup: Honda CB300F: Raivat Dhar 1:23.424; B.A. Tejash 1:24.022; Amit Prasad 1:24.175.

Positano obliges in the Governor's Cup

BENGALURU: S. Attaollahi-trained Positano (Trevor up) won the Governor's Cup (2,400m), the chief event of the concluding day races held here on Friday (August 1). The winner is owned by M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP, Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala, Mr. S.R. Sanas & Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni.

LEADING INDIVIDUAL OWNER: Five Stars Shipping Co. Pvt. Ltd. (prize money: ₹1,30,48,464)
LEADING JOINT OWNERS: Five Stars Shipping Co. Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Vispi R. Patel & Miss Anita J. Captain's (prize money: ₹1,90, 62, 998).
LEADING STUD FARM: Usha (23 wins).
CHAMPION TRAINER: Attaollahi (17 wins).
CHAMPION JOCKEY: P. Trevor (25 wins).
CHAMPION JOCKEY CLAIMING ALLOWANCE: Ramswarup (3 wins, 8 seconds).
CHAMPION HORSE: Fynos (₹1,90,62,998).
HORSE OF THE SEASON: Mayne Magic (3 starts, 3 wins).
THE RESULTS:
1. CHAMPION TRAINER CUP (1,600M): TOLKIEN (Antony) 1, Andre' (Trevor) 2, Pristine Glory (Sandesh) 3 and Star Studded (Suraj) 4. Shd, 2-1/2 and 6. 1m, 37.51s. ₹65 (w), 20 and 18 (p), SHP: 35, THP: 35, FP: 288, Q: 107, Trinella: 476/288, Exacta: 1,183/466. Favourite: Cigar Galaxy. Owner: Sarainaga Racing Pvt Ltd. Trainer: Darius R Byramji.
2. SAYONARA PLATE (1,600M): SEA DIAMOND (Asirvatham) 1, Pettes Love (Sai Kiran) 2, Double Scotch (Antony) 3 and Wakizashi (B. Dharshan) 4. 4-1/2, 2-1/4 and 7. 1m, 40.39s. ₹26 (w), 10, 17 and 12 (p), SHP: 42, THP: 54, FP: 216, Q: 140, Trinella: 209/50, Exacta: 4,085/4,902. Favourite: Double Scotch. Owners: Mr. M. Sridhar & M/S. Seabliss Racing LLP. Trainer: Umar Shariff S.
3. RACING OFFICIALS CUP (1,400M): EL ALAMEIN (G. Vivek) 1, Able One (Asirvatham) 2, Double Vision (R. Robert) 3 and Chisox (G. Praveen) 4. Not run: Augusto. 2-1/2, 3 and Lnk. 1m, 26.57s. ₹29 (w), 15, 15 and 18 (p), SHP: 47, THP: 58, FP: 120, Q: 71, Trinella: 238/114, Exacta: 6,907/6,660. Favourite: El Alamein. Owners: Mrs. Kokila. E & Mr. Arun Kumar K.N. Trainer: Faraz Arshad.
4. CHAMPION JOCKEY CUP (DIV. I), (1,200M): BASILICA (Trevor) 1, Carat Love (Neeraj) 2, Eclipse Pulse (G. Vivek) 3 and Bellavita (Srinath) 4. 3-1/4, 1/2 and 1-1/2. 1m, 12.71s. ₹37 (w), 17, 33 and 18 (p), SHP: 104, THP: 42, FP: 363, Q: 202, Trinella: 801/378, Exacta: 1,900/814. Favourite: IL Volo. Owners: Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.
5. LEADING STUD CUP (1,400M): MANDARINO (Arvind K) 1, Champions Way (Suraj) 2, Global Influence (Aleemuddin) 3 and Kalamitsi (Trevor) 4. Not run: Never Give In. 1-1/2, 1 and 3-1/2. 1m, 23.85s. ₹25 (w), 12, 11 and 58 (p), SHP: 30, THP: 89, FP: 53, Q: 25, Trinella: 616/740, Exacta: 1,909/346. Favourite: Champions Way. Owners: Mr. Francis Arun Kumar, Mr. J. Ramesh & Mr. M.V. Balaji. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.
6. GOVERNOR'S CUP (2,400M): POSITANO (Trevor) 1, Rise And Reign (Neeraj) 2, Queen Of Kings (Antony) 3 and Victor Hugo (G. Vivek) 4. 1/2, 2-1/4 and 4. 2m, 33.81s. ₹15 (w), 14 and 46 (p), SHP: 61, THP: 40, FP: 130, Q: 100, Trinella: 440/165, Exacta: 999/278. Favourite: Positano. Owners: M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP, Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala, Mr. S.R. Sanas & Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.
7. LEADING OWNER CUP (1,200M): BEZAWADA SULTAN (J. Chinoy) 1, Aherne (Antony) 2, Wellington (Trevor) 3 and Agera (G. Vivek) 4. 1/2, 1/2 and Hd. 1m, 13.07s. ₹41 (w), 13, 22 and 17 (p), SHP: 53, THP: 66, FP: 498, Q: 203, Trinella: 750/190, Exacta: 1,192/738. Favourite: Wellington. Owner: Mr. Mohammad Abdul Raheem. Trainer: Joseph B. Awale.
8. CHAMPION JOCKEY CUP (DIV. II), (1,200M): SMALL DREAMS (Akshay K) 1, Divo (Vinod Shinde) 2, Honest Desire (Aleemuddin) 3 and Mehra (Srinath) 4. Nk, 2-1/4 and 3-1/2. 1m, 13.24s. ₹38 (w), 15, 41 and 35 (p), SHP: 115, THP: 92, FP: 640, Q: 773, Trinella: 5,155/2,762, Exacta: 13,899/4,964. Favourite: LG's Star. Owners: Mr. Vikram Sreeram, Mrs. Sandhya Sreeram, Mr. Sandeep C Raghuram, Mr. V. Srinivasa Murthy, Mr. Kiran Gowda, Mr. C.N. Shashikiran, Dr. T.S. Ravindra & M/S. Cherie Sports Pvt Ltd. Trainer: M.P. Vishesh.
Jackpot: ₹5,630 (97 tkts.); Runner-up: 282 (831 tkts.); Treble (i): 581 (20 tkts.); (ii): 492 (44 tkts.).

Sports Minister fetes Divya

Divya and Mandaviya at the felicitation. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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The newly-crowned women's chess World Cup champion, 19-year-old Divya Deshmukh, was felicitated by the Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Friday.

Grandmaster Koneru Humpy, who finished runner-up to Divya, joined online from her home for the felicitation.

"Grandmasters like you serve as inspiration for the new generation. More youngsters will take to sports, especially a mind game like chess," said the Sports Minister.

Applauding Humpy on her long innings in the game, Mandaviya said, "I have read about Humpy and know that she has inspired many in her journey. I remember going home and watching her games with my children."

The 19-year-old Divya, who hails from Nagpur, said, "I am very happy that the title has come to India. Humpy played very well, but I was lucky.

"Today, I feel very happy to be felicitated by the Sports Minister. This motivates athletes and gives youngsters the message that they have the support of the country."

"It was a long and exhausting tournament. I am happy that I was able to play till the end. With two players of different generations competing in the final from India, we ensured that the title for our country," said Humpy.

Jamil pips Constantine and Tarkovic, gets the nod to coach Indian football team

He becomes the first Indian after 13 years to coach the national side; the 48-year-old will succeed Spaniard Marquez; his first task at hand will be the CAFA Nations Cup from August 29

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NEW DELHI

Khalid Jamil became the first Indian to be appointed as the head coach of national football team in 13 years as he pipped Stephen Constantine and Stefan Tarkovic to grab the coveted post.

The last Indian to serve as the head coach of the national men's team was Savio Medeira, who held the position from 2011 to 2012.

In the hot seat: Jamil has the tough job of driving Indian football forward. ISL

Tenure not decided

"The AIFF Executive Committee has picked Khalid Jamil as the new head coach but his tenure has not yet been decided.

"It will be a long-term tenure, may be two or three years, and performance-based," said AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey.

Constantine was a former India head coach while Tarkovic has managed the Slovakia national team in the past.

The 48-year-old Jamil had guided the unheralded Aizawl Football Club to a famous I-League title in 2017. Jamil has long been a trailblazer in Indian football.

A former India international and currently in charge of Indian Super League side Jamshedpur FC, Jamil was selected by the All India Football Federation's (AIFF) executive committee. An AFC Pro Licence Diploma holder, Jamil will succeed Spaniard Manolo Marquez, who parted ways with the AIFF last month following India's recent struggles.

The AIFF president also made it clear that Jamil will be a full-time national team head coach and will not be associated with any other club unlike his predecessor Manolo who played a dual role during his one year tenure, taking charge of ISL side FC Goa. He will have the tough task of reversing India's poor performances in recent past.

After losing 0-1 to lower-ranked Hong Kong in an away match of the AFC Asian Cup qualifiers on June 10, the country has been left in danger of missing out on qualifying for the continental showpiece in 2027.

Jamil's first assignment in his new role will be the Central Asian Football Association (CAFA) Nations Cup, to be held in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan starting from August 29.

After the CAFA Nations Cup, India will play AFC Asian Cup qualifying round games on October 9 and 14 against Singapore.

Jamil was considered the frontrunner even before his appointment.

He got support from Vijayan and Ali, Technical Committee chairperson and vice chairperson respectively and former India coach Armando Colaco.

Other contenders

Colaco and Ali also pitched in for an Indian head coach.

"Mr. Colaco and Mr. Ali expressed their views that the AIFF should prioritise selecting an Indian coach for the senior men's national team during their respective coaching careers.

"They, too, had no national team experience. However, they believe that Indian coaches need to be given a fair chance to prove themselves," the AIFF said.

Former India players and current executive committee members Pinky Bompal Magar, Thongam Tababi Devi and Climax Lawrence also supported giving an opportunity to an Indian coach.

'Accidental coach' Jamil's rise to the top

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The last eight years has been nothing less than extraordinary for Khalid Jamil. In the summer of 2008, he was reluctant to coach the under-19 team in Mumbai FC. On August 1, once an accidental coach is now at helm of country's national team.

From carrying Aizawl FC to an emotional I-League triumph which was a shot in the arm for football in the north east to facing immense pressure while coaching Kolkata giants East Bengal and Mohun Bagan, Jamil has earned his stripes through the bump and grind of Indian football.

Jamil is also the AIFF 'Coach of the Year' in the last two seasons. The unassuming Mumbaikar is a quintessential hard-worker known for meticulous planning before matches. His philosophy has been 'train hard and play harder'.

Originally born in Kuwait his family shifted to Mumbai after the Gulf War. While studying he made it to the university team. He later played for Mahindra United, Air India and Mumbai FC for major part of his club career.

"I always liked football from childhood, but when I started, I didn't play the sport thinking of it as a profession," he had said.

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> **KHALID JAMIL**
> India head coach

Initial days

The 48-year-old made his national team debut in 1997 in a SAFF Cup match against Bangladesh.

He played 15 matches till his retirement in 2006 due to injuries.

While playing for the Mumbai FC senior team, he was asked to coach the junior side in 2008 and he reluctantly did that, and that changed his life.

"The u-19 team did very well, won the league. Since David Booth has left the senior team, I was asked to take charge."

At just 33, he became the youngest coach in the I-League.

Jamil will have the tough task of reversing India's poor performances in recent past.

Jamil has spoken about allowing his players the freedom to express themselves while maintaining defensive discipline.

Diamond Harbour FC thrashes BSF; Indian Navy edges out Real Kashmir

DURAND CUP

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

Debutant Diamond Harbour FC (DHFC) announced its arrival in style, outclassing Border Security Force (BSF) 8-1 in a Group-B league match of the 134th Durand Cup at the Kishore Bharati Stadium here on Friday.

Brazilian forward Clayton DaSilva scored four goals to lead Diamond Harbour's demolition.

Slovenian forward Luka Majcen found the net twice while Paul Ramfangzauva and Jobby Justin scored one each to complete the rout. Kishori scored BSF's solitary goal in the final minute. The win took DHFC to the top of the group standings with six points from successive wins. It will meet ISL champion Mohun Bagan Super Giant in its concluding league match on August 9 to decide the group topper.

On the rampage: Clayton starred for Diamond Harbour FC with a four-goal effort. DEBASISH BHADURI

Earlier, Indian Navy started its campaign on a winning note as it beat the I-League side Real Kashmir FC (RKFC) 2-1 in a Group-F league encounter at the Khuman Lampak Stadium in Imphal.

Vijay Marandi put the sailors ahead early in the sixth minute before Franck William Sessegnon's restored parity for Real Kashmir in the 64th minute. Sreyas V.G. finished with a nice angular effort in the 70th minute to ensure Navy earned its first win in the competition since 2021.

The results: Group-B
(Kolkata): Diamond Harbour FC 8 (Clayton DaSilva 1, 35, 71, 90+2, Luka Majcen 7, 39, Paul 53, Jobby Justin 67) bt BSF 1 (Kishori 90).
Group-F (Imphal): Indian Navy 2 (Vijay Marandi 6, Sreyas V.G. 70) bt Real Kashmir FC 1 (Franck Sessegnon 64).

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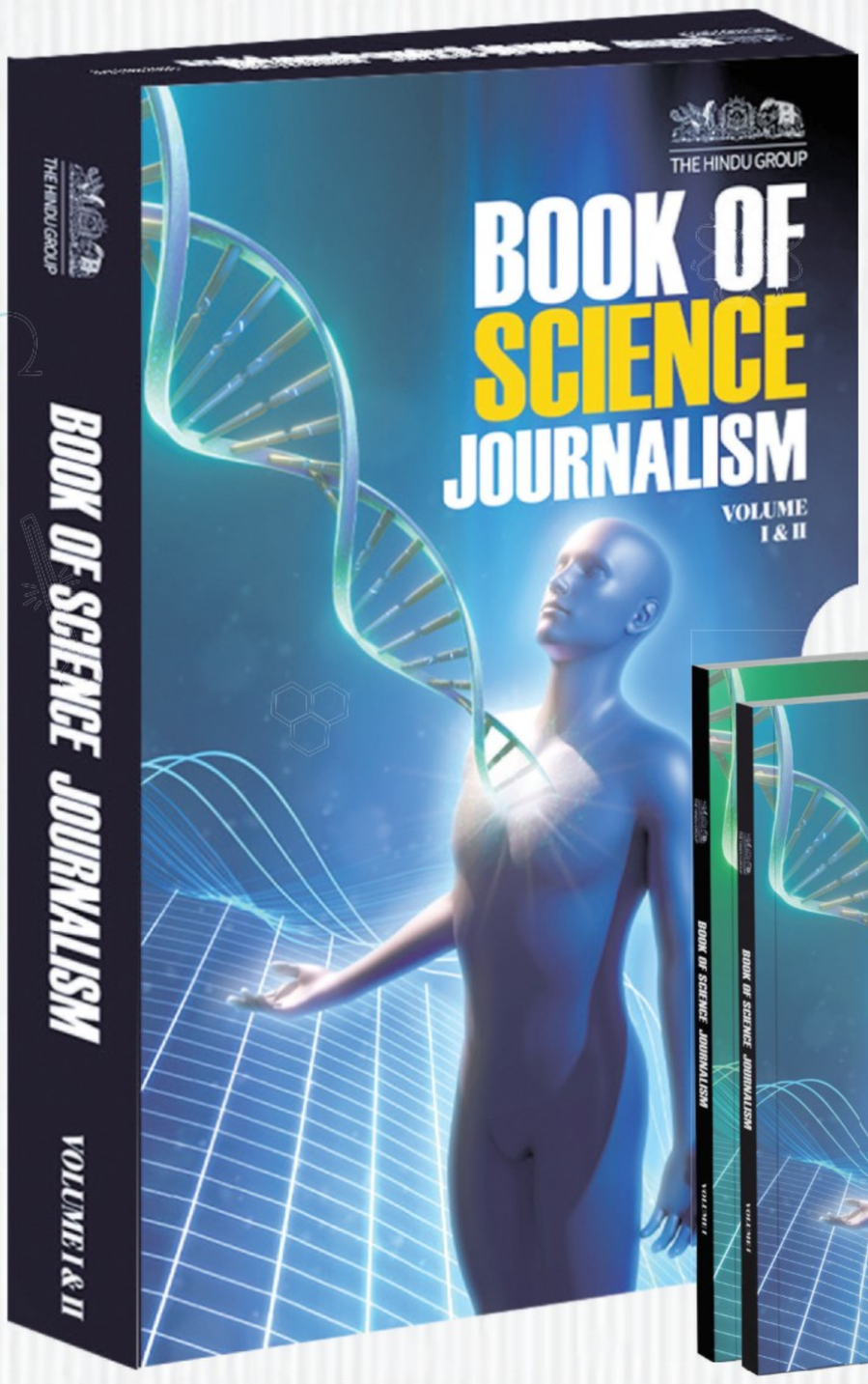

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Indian hoopsters have their task cut out in FIBA Asia Cup

Coach Fleming feels that it will be a 'huge challenge' against China, Jordan and Saudi Arabia which are better ranked; skipper Muin says the team is aiming to spring a surprise or two

BASKETBALL

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Pep talk: Coach Fleming will be keen to get the best out of the players for the tough assignment.

Scott Fleming, Indian men's basketball team head coach said the teams in Group 'C' in the FIBA Asia Cup beginning in Jeddah on August 5, are all higher ranked than India (Asia ranked 15) and it won't be easy at all to reach the knock-outs, but exuded cautious optimism.

"Yes, China (Asia ranking 6), Jordan (8) and Saudi Arabia (10) are better ranked than us. It's a huge challenge. But we will go for upsets," said Fleming in a chat with *The Hindu* over phone on Friday.

On aspects that the team focused on its training sessions at the National Sports Centre at Panaiyur here, Fleming said, "We are good in perimeter shooting. We will continue to do that. We are strengthening our defence. We have been inconsistent so far," he said.

Qualifying for the Asia Cup has been made tougher in the last two years unlike in the past, Fleming said. "Earlier we used to beat weaker teams such as Bangladesh. Now it has become tough. We had to beat Kazakhstan and Bahrain to qualify this time," he said. India captain Muin Bek said the team was aiming to surprise Jordan and Saudi Arabia. "One of Jordan's best players, Ahmad Al Dwairi (centre), is not playing. And in Saudi Arabia, there are no prominent imports," said the captain, while adding that the two away matches (July 8 and 15) the team played against Qatar had boosted its confidence.

Dhakshineswar in Challenger quarters

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Qualifier Dhakshineswar Suresh fought his way past Mark Lajal 6-7(4), 6-4, 6-4 in the pre-quarterfinals of the $100,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Lexington, USA.

Yuki Bhambri and Michael Venus of New Zealand were beaten 6-4, 3-6, [12-10] in the doubles first round by John Peers and Jan Zielinski in the $9,193,540 tournament in Toronto.

Other results: €91,250 Challenger, Hagen, Germany: Singles (pre-quarterfinals): Niels Mcdonald (Ger) bt Sumit Nagal 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

$100,000 Challenger, Lexington, USA: Singles (pre-quarterfinals):

Doubles (quarterfinals): Anirudh Chandrasekar & Ramkumar Ramanathan bt Zachary Fuchs & Wally Thayne (USA) 7-6(5), 6-3.

$60,000 Challenger, Astana, Kazakhstan: Singles (quarterfinals): Alexandr Binda (Ita) bt Karan Singh 6-4, 6-4.

$30,000 ITF men, Brazzaville, Congo: Singles (quarterfinals): Florent Bax (Fra) bt Digvijay Pratap Singh 7-5, 6-3; Dev Javia bt Reda Bennani (Mar) 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles (quarterfinals): Chinmaya Dev Chauhan & Dev Javia bt Vatsal Manikantan & Julappagari Reddy 6-4, 7-5; Matteo Covato (Ita) & Digvijay Pratap Singh w.o. Bor Artnak (Slo) & Stefan Vujic (Aus).

$15,000 ITF men, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand: Singles (quarterfinals): Soonwoo Kwon (Kor) bt Sidharth Rwat 6-0, 6-1.

$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia: Doubles (quarterfinals): Valeria Bhunu (Zim) & Tanisha Kashyap bt Georgina Hays (GBR) & Sarah Nita (Cuw) 6-4, 6-2.

$15,000 ITF women, Huamantla, Mexico: Singles (pre-quarterfinals): Raphaelle Leroux (Can) bt Saumya Vig 7-6(6), 6-4.

'I was worried that Test cricket was struggling a bit, but now...'

CRICKET

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
CHENNAI

All good: McGrath says the England-India series hasn't been a one-sided affair and it has been good, solid Test cricket. R. RAGU

Australia pace bowling legend Glenn McGrath on Friday noted the uncommon English conditions in the ongoing India-England series, but said that the series, along with the 2024-25 Border-Gavaskar Trophy, has restored his confidence that Test cricket is "alive and well."

"It's been quite high-scoring... a little unusual English conditions with the Dukes cricket ball. But it hasn't been a one-sided affair. It's been good, solid Test cricket. It's been enjoyable. It's close.

"I was worried that Test cricket was struggling a bit. But after watching the Australia-India and the England-India series, I think Test cricket is alive and well, especially in those three countries.

"Obviously, they want the game to last as long as possible. I don't mind if the pitches are a little flat, as long as there's something in it for the bowler. And if the game's coming right down to the wire on the fifth day, then it's perfect, isn't it? When we saw that last game (at Old Trafford), there was a chance of a result, but India batted well and held on. Everyone's been interested and watching. I think they're getting good crowds. They haven't been slow, boring matches," he said at the MRF-Pachaiyappa's ground here.

Asked if India should ration the volume of overs that Jasprit Bumrah bowls to allow him to play more Tests, he said: "If he's just bowling in short spells, then the batting team know they just can get through the three or four overs and then they're away. So, it depends a lot on the other bowlers. I've watched Prasidh Krishna bowl in the IPL, and I've always been a big fan of him. Unfortunately, he didn't get more opportunities in Australia. But yes, you need another group of fast bowlers coming through to balance it out so that he doesn't have to bowl long spells."

On whether Bumrah should consider staying away from white-ball formats, he said: "He's so effective in one-day and T20 cricket. To limit himself to Test cricket would be a shame".

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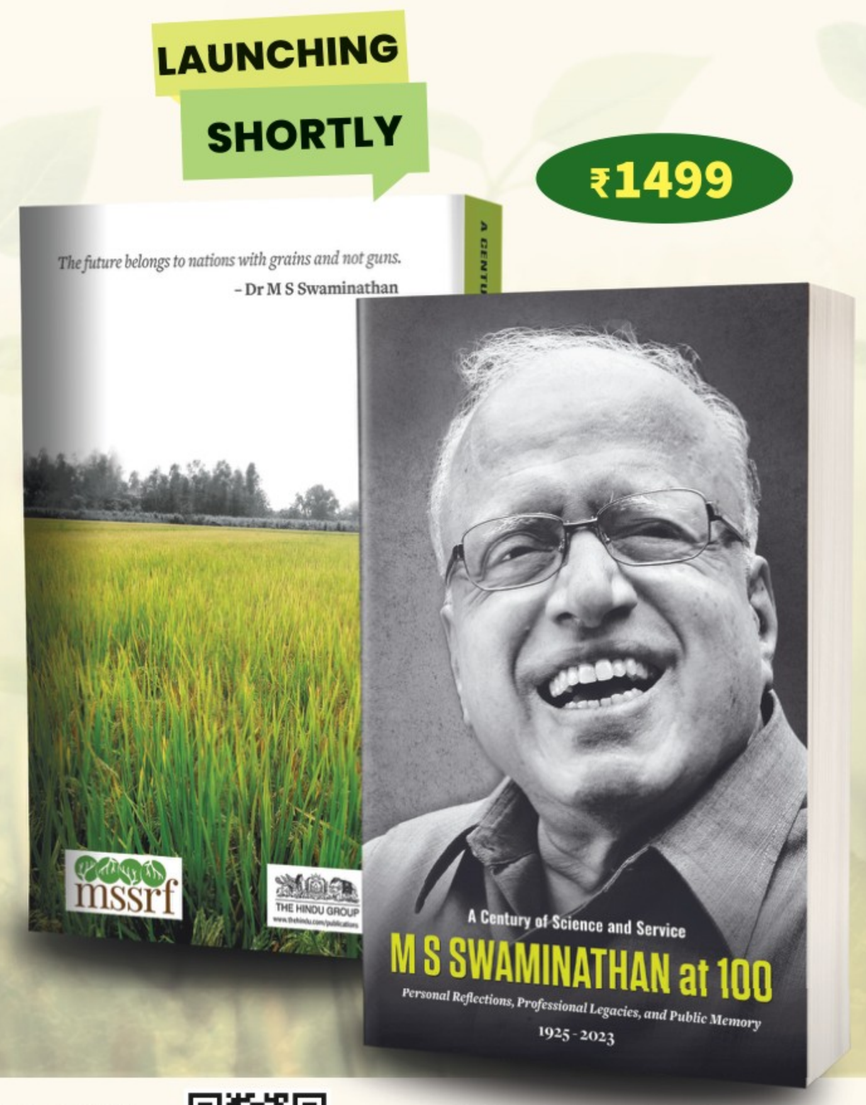
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Chahal recalls battling mental health issues following his divorce

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Chahal. FILE PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Indian leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal has opened up about his struggles with mental health issues following his divorce from Dhanashree Verma, revealing that he was wrongly labelled as a "cheater" and battled suicidal thoughts during the tumultuous period.

"After my divorce, I was called a cheater. But I have never cheated in my life. I'm extremely loyal – probably more than most. For my loved ones, I've always thought from the heart," Chahal said on *Raj Shamani Podcast*.

The 34-year-old said he was emotionally distressed following the separation.

"I had suicidal thoughts. I was tired of my life. I would cry for two hours a day, sleep just two hours. This went on for over 40 days. I had anxiety attacks, depression. Only those close to me knew what I was going through," Chahal said.

Chahal also shared that he considered taking a break from cricket. He said the growing professional commitments on both sides played a role in the eventual separation. "A relationship requires compromise – if both people are always busy, there's bound to be distance," he said.

(Assistance for overcoming suicidal thoughts is available on Tele-MANAS 14416 and Sneha's suicide prevention helpline 044-24640050).

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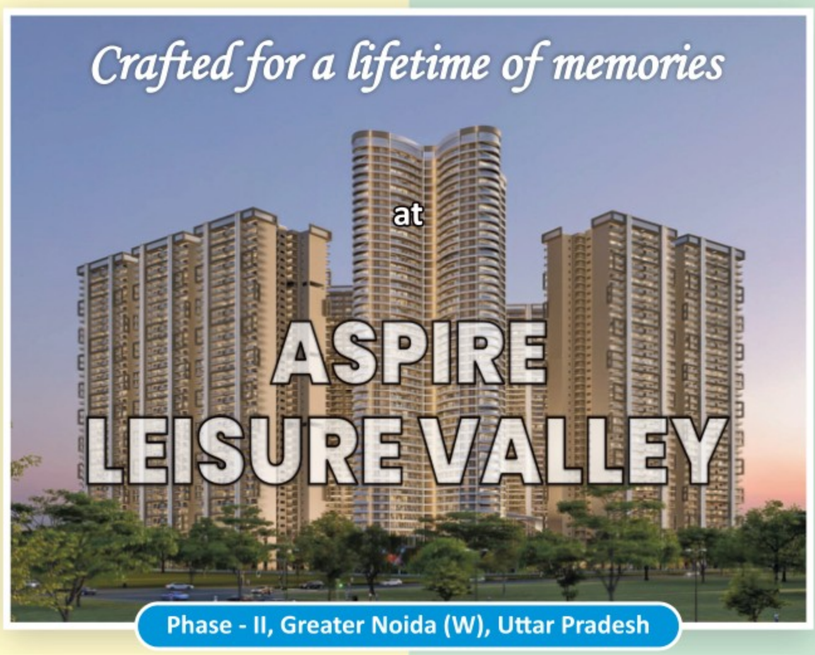

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